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# BOROUGH OF WORKINGTON

## PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

November 1st, 1901, to October 31st, 1902.

WORKINGTON:
Mrs. George Suart, Printer, Stationer, &c., Wilson Street.
1902.

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington, in the County of Cumberland, the sum of £ : : free from legacy duty, for the benefit of the Public Library of the above Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and better equipment of the Institution.

Donations of Books, Pictures, Statuary or Art Collections of any any kind, forwarded to the Borough Librarian will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

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# LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

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**Chairman:**

His Worship the Mayor, ALDERMAN JAMES DUFFIELD, J.P.

**Vice-Chairmen:**

JAMES POTTS, Esq. DONALD FRASER, Esq.

**Members of Committee:**

Alderman R. E. HIGHTON
Alderman H. McALEER
Councillor W. HOLMES
Councillor J. McMULLEN
Councillor P. WALLS
Councillor W. WATKYN-THOMAS
Councillor H. WATTS
J. HIGHET, Esq., M.D.
THOS. IREDALE, Esq.
G. B. McKAY, Esq.
JOHN WARWICK, Esq.
R. WILLIAMSON, Esq.
R. H. WILLIAMSON, Esq.

**Secretary and Librarian:**

Mr J. W. C. PURVES.

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## ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

Highest Possible—13

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr FRASER | 12 | Mr McMULLEN | 7 |
| Mr HOLMES | 11 | Mr WARWICK | 6 |
| Mr McKAY | 10 | Mr WALLS | 3 |
| Mr HIGHTON | 9 | Mr WATTS | 2 |
| Mr POTTS | 8 | HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR | 0 |
| Dr HIGHET | 8 | Mr IREDALE | 0 |
| Mr WATKYN-THOMAS | 8 | Mr R. WILLIAMSON | 0 |
| Mr McALEER | 7 | Mr H. WILLIAMSON | 0 |

## BUILDING COMMITTEE—6 Meetings.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr FRASER | 6 | Mr McMULLEN | 5 |
| Mr POTTS | 5 | Mr HOLMES | 4 |
| Mr HIGHTON | 5 | HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR | 2 |

# DATA.

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Acts Adopted ... ... December, 1889.

News Room Opened ... July 31st, 1900.

Lending Library and Reference Department opened November 2nd, 1891.

Half-Holiday Movement adopted May 13th, 1892.

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Population of Borough (1891), 23,490;

1902 *estimated* 28,000,

Area of Borough, 2,244 acres. Rateable Value £91,881.

Library Rate levied 1d. in the Pound.

Amount received from the 1d. rate. £382 16s. 8d.

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First Librarian ... ... ... Mr. W. E. Jones.
Appointed August, 1891.

Present Librarian .. ... Mr. J. W. C. Purves.
Appointed October, 1895.

Assistant ... ... ... Mr. W. H. Hunt.
Appointed May, 1897. Resigned October, 1900.

Senior Assistant ... ... ... Miss S. J. Wood.
Appointed October, 1900.

Junior Assistant ... ... ... Miss E. J. Peat.
Appointed October, 1900.

Junior Assistant... ... ... Miss N. M. Pool
Appointed (temporarily) Nov. 1902.

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# ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
## PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

*To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, Borough of Workington.*

GENTLEMEN,

In submitting the Annual Report for the period ending 31st October, 1902, the Library Committee have pleasure in stating that the year has been a most successful and even an eventful one. Successful with regard to the work appertaining to the Library; eventful by reason of Mr Andrew Carnegie's promised gift of £7,500 for the building of a New Public Library. The Committee desire to place on record their deep sense of obligation and of great indebtedness to Mr Carnegie for his splendid generosity and likewise to express their admiration for the rare altruistic spirit exhibited by him, not only by his munificence to Workington, but to many other places besides. The thanks of the Committee are given to Mr J. S. Randles, M.P., Ex-Mayor, Alderman James Fletcher, Mr Donald Fraser and others for the interest taken by them in securing Mr Carnegie's promised benefaction.

The Town Council have complied with the condition of Mr Carnegie's gift by providing a site in Finkle Street and as soon as the Local Government Board's Sanction is given to the Council's action, no time will be lost in proceeding with the erection of the New Library.

The issues from the Library have increased by 3618 over the previous year and constitute a record by 3307 over the figures published in any previous reports. When regard is given to the fact that 50,895 volumes were issued during the year it will be realised that the Library, both from an educational and a recreative point of view can only have an influence by which "all the intellectual tastes which raise the human and suppress the brutal in man are stimulated," as was aptly said by Mr Carnegie the other day.

A reference to the analysis of the class of books issued shows that Fiction is now only 58 per cent. of the total issue, with a consequent increase in other and more serious branches of reading. It speaks well for Workington, that with few exceptions the average experience of other Libraries is an issue of about 75 per cent of fiction.

Financially the Library stands in a better position. The deficit of £32 2s 4d at the end of March, 1901, was reduced to £14 16 6 at the corresponding period of 1902. As the shelving accommodation in the present building is completely exhausted the Committee limited as far as possible the purchase of new books, and thereby practically freed themselves from debt.

We are, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

JAMES DUFFIELD, Mayor,
JAMES POTTS, } Vice-Chairmen,
DONALD FRASER, }
J. W. C. PURVES, Secretary and Librarian.

## Harrington Scheme.

This Co-operative Scheme, whereby the Residents in the Urban District of Harrington are allowed to borrow books, has been in existence for three years and during that time 289 Reader's Tickets have been issued and 14,417 volumes have been taken out, either from the Delivery Station at the Temperance Institute, Harrington (open on Thursdays, from 7 to 9 p.m.,) or from the Library at Workington. Only three volumes valued at 8/6 have been lost during the three years.

During the past year 4783 volumes were issued, 884 of which were issued from the Central Library and the others from the Delivery Station. During the previous year 4909 volumes were issued,—decrease 156 volumes.

The Urban District Council of Harrington subscribe the proceeds of a half-penny rate for the use of the Library.

## Book Club.

This Club is practically a subscription department and has for its object the provision of the latest books in Fiction, History, Biography, Travel and General Literature,

The books are kept on open shelves outside the counter of the Lending Library for the exclusive use of subscribers for twelve months from date of purchase, and are then transferred to the Public Library stock. The Club is managed by a Committee elected from the Subscribers every year.

Readers are urged to join this Club, for exactly in proportion to its membership, to that extent is the Library benefited. A large membership means a large purchasing capacity, the entire income being spent on books. That the terms are exceedingly moderate is demonstrated by the fact that for an outlay of 10/6, an omnivorous reader last year might have had a fresh book six days a week at a cost of about 2½d per week, or less than ½d per volume. Surely this is the *ne plus ultra* of cheap reading.

### Annual Stocktaking.

The Reference Library contains at present about 1,100 volumes exclusive of Patent Office Publications, but very little use can be made of this department at present, as no room is available for students; or, for storing and arranging the collection. A number of the more important encyclopædias, etc., have been placed on open shelves. Happily this difficulty will soon be a thing of the past, and during the coming year an effort will be made to classify and catalogue the whole of this Library. A new Author List of additions to the Lending and Reference Libraries was compiled and published during the year and is now on sale at the charge of three-pence. This list contains about 3693 references to books and important magazine articles entered under the Author's name, and includes a list of Local Literature arranged under Cumberland and Westmorland.

The Lending Library now contains 8701 volumes; 1063 volumes being added during the year. 352 volumes have been withdrawn from circulation as they were quite worn out; 151 volumes were replaced with new copies; 44

volumes were found to be out of print and can only be obtained as they are noticed in booksellers second-hand lists ; 223 volumes will scarcely last another twelve months, but are still in circulation ; 424 volumes in all now require replacing, but a limited income will not permit of more than £50 per annum being voted for the purpose of replacements and re-binding, if any money is to be left for new books. 475 volumes have been rebound during the year, 130 volumes have been laid aside awaiting funds for rebinding, and an examination of the stock at the Annual Stocktaking showed that 419 volumes will soon require the attention of the book-binder.

Reader's Tickets are issued for periods of three years and 3128 Tickets expired on the 31st October last. 789 New Tickets were issued during the year. 1,483 Tickets have been renewed, and renewals are being made out at the average rate of 50 tickets per week.

## Donations.

With the exception of the volumes presented by the subscribers to the Book Club, the donations to the Library this year have not been so numerous as previous years. A List of the volumes presented will be found appended.

## Staff.

No change has been made in the *personnel* of the staff during the year.

A new Catalogue or Author list was issued this year. The amount of care required in the compilation, classifying and proof-reading of such a work, as well as the labour

involved in writing the manuscript, can only be properly appreciated by those who have had experience of Catalogue work.

The Local Press commented favourably on the work of the staff, and had a complimentary word for the excellence of the printing.

### Library Association Conference.

The Annual Meeting of the Librarians of the United Kingdom was held at Birmingham this year, and the Librarian attended as delegate for the Committee.

Numerous papers were read, among them one on the Rate Limitation. This paper resulted in a resolution being passed unanimously by the 250 delegates in favour of the Association promoting a new Bill in Parliament for the removal of the Penny Rate Limit.

The Northern Counties Library Association, with which this Library is affiliated, continues to hold its meetings quarterly at different towns in the six Northern Counties, and is doing a very useful work in assisting Local Authorities in establishing Public Libraries under the Acts. Mr Purves, the Workington Librarian, was re appointed at Birmingham for the third year in succession as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*BALANCE SHEET for Year ending March 31st, 1902.*

RECEIPTS.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Fines, Damages, Sale of Catalogues, &c. .. .. .. | 11 | 11 | 2 | | | |
| ,, Sale of Newspapers .. ... | 8 | 9 | 5 | | | |
| ,, Subscriptions: Harrington U.D. Council .. ... .. | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Subscriptions; Non Residents | 0 | 12 | 6 | | | |
| ,, Income from 1d Rate on £91,881 .. . .. | 382 | 16 | 8 | | | |
| | | | | 428 | 9 | 9 |
| Overdrawn March 31st, 1902.. .. .. | | | | 14 | 16 | 6 |
| | | | | £443 | 6 | 3 |

EXPENDITURE.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Balance brought for'd. April. 1901 .. .. | | | | 31 | 2 | 4 |
| ,, Salaries: Librarian, Assistants, and Caretaker .. .. | 171 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Books:— | | | | | | |
| (a) New Books .. .. | 49 | 16 | 5 | | | |
| (b) Replacements .. .. | 22 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| (c) Re-Binding .. .. | 20 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Printing, Stationery, &c. .. | 16 | 17 | 5 | | | |
| ,, Newspapers and Periodicals .. | 46 | 5 | 10 | | | |
| ,, New Fittings and Repairs .. | 26 | 17 | 5 | | | |
| ,, Rent, (£20), Fuel, Insurance.. | 25 | 17 | 3 | | | |
| ,, Carriage, Postage, and Sundries | 21 | 12 | 7 | | | |
| ,, Carriage of Books to Harrington | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Painting and Cleaning .. | 5 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 412 | 3 | 11 |
| | | | | 443 | 6 | 3 |

# DONATIONS.

| | Vols. or Pamphlets. |
|---|---|
| Agent General, New South Wales—Year Book, 1901-1902 | 1 |
| Mr E. Cox, Cardean. Brief Guide to the "Old Dundee" Historical Collection .. .. .. .. | 1 |
| Cumberland County Council, per Mr Courtenay Hodgson, Minutes .. .. .. .. .. | 1 |
| Emigration Office, Quarterly Circulars | |
| Mr W. L. Fletcher, Stoneleigh, Chemical Encyclopædia .. | 8 |
| Leeds Institute, Science, Art and Literature, per Mr Arthur Tait—Calendar for Session 1901-2 ... .. | 1 |
| London, Corporation of., per Mr C. Welsh, Guildhall— London and the Kingdom, by Dr R. C. Sharpe, (2 copies) | 6 |
| Mr J. Ogden, Manchester, War against the Dutch Republics, (2 copies) .. .. .. .. . | 2 |
| Messrs. J. and J. Paton, London— List of Schools and Tutors, 1902 .. .. | 1 |
| Patent Office, London, per Comptroller General— | |
| Subject Matter Indices, 1900 to date | |
| Index of Patentees, 1900 and parts | |
| Official Journal of Patents and abridgements (weekly) | |
| Stubbs Publishing Co., London— Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers and Shippers, 1902 | 1 |
| Skerry & Co., London—Civil Service Competitor (weekly) | |
| Workington Book Club— Fiction, Biography, Travel and *Belles Lettres* .. | 302 |
| —School Board, per Mr. G. B. McKay, Clerk— Minutes, vols. 1-3, 1898-1902 .. .. .. | 3 |
| —Burial Board, per Mr. J. Stephen Jones, Clerk— Financial Statements and Balance Sheets, 1884-1902 | |
| Rules and Regulations with Table of Fees (1897) .. | 2 |
| —Infirmary, per Mr F. W. Jackson, Secretary— Rules and Regulations, (1886) .. .. .. | 1 |
| Annual Reports, (1887-1902) .. .. .. | 16 |

## DONATIONS (continued).

Town Council, per Town Clerk

| | |
|---|---|
| Minutes, Annual Volume, 1901 .. .. .. | 1 |
| Abstract of Accounts, 1900-1901 .. .. ... | 2 |
| By-Laws and Acts relating to the Borough .. | 10 |
| Burgess Roll, 1902 .. .. .. .. | 2 |

Library Reports—

Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Bishopsgate, Blackburn, Bury, Buxton, Chorley, Cork, Croydon, Darlington, Dundee, Ealing, Halifax, Hartlepool, Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Kendal, Lincoln, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Nottingham, Plymouth, South Shields, Tynemouth, Wandsworth, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitehaven, York.

# PAPERS, &C., IN READING ROOM.

## DAILIES:

Carlisle Evening Journal, Daily Graphic, Daily News, Freeman's Journal, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool Daily Post, Manchester Guardian, Newcastle Daily Chronicle, Sheffield Telegraph, Shipping Gazette, Telegraph, Times, Yorkshire Post.

## BI-WEEKLIES:

Carlisle Journal, West Cumberland Times.

## WEEKLIES:

Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, Athenæum, Bazaar and Mart, British Architect, British Journal of Photography, Canadian Gazette, Carlisle Patriot, Carpenter and Builder, Chemical Trade Journal, Church Weekly, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Weekly

Cumberland Pacquet, Clarion, County Council Times, Electrical Engineer, East Cumberland Times, Engineer, Engineering, Farm Field and Fireside, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Hearth and Home, Illustrated London News, Invention Local Government Journal, Labour News, Literary World, Notes and Queries, Photographic News, Publisher's Circular, Phonetic Journal, Patent Office Journal, Punch, Queen, Sanitary Record, Saturday Review, Stock Exchange Report, University Correspondent, Whitehaven News, Work, Workington News, Workington Star.

## MONTHLIES.

All the World ; Salvation Army Record, Blackwood's Magazine, Century Magazine, Chambers' Journal, Contemporary Review, Engineering Magazine, English Illustrated Magazine, Feilden's Magazine, Fortnightly Review, Free Russia, Free Sunday Advocate, Harper's Monthly, Inventor's Review, Ladies' League Gazette, Leisure Hour, Magazine of Commerce, Monthly Review, Musical Herald, Musical Times, National Review, New Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, Nonconformist Musical Journal, Photogram, Review of Reviews, Strand, Travel, Zoophilist.

## RAILWAY & TOURIST GUIDES:

Cambrian Rly , Caledonian Rly., Cleator and Workington Junction Rly., Furness Rly., Glasgow & South Western Rly., Great Northern Rly., Great Western Rly., Great North of Scotland Rly., Great Eastern Rly., Great Central Rly., Great Southern & Western Rly., Highland Rly., Isle of Man Tourist Guide, Lancashire & Yorkshire Rly., London & North Western Rly., London, Chatham & Dover Rly., London Brighton and South Coast Rly., Tyne Steam Shipping Co., Midland Rly., North British Rly., North Eastern Rly.

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# *LIBRARY COMMITTEE.*

*Chairman :—*

His Worship the Mayor (Alderman R. E. Highton, J.P.)

*Vice-Chairmen :—*

James Potts, Esq. Donald Fraser, Esq.

*Members of Committee :—*

Alderman J. Duffield, J.P.
Alderman H. McAleer.
Councillor W. Holmes.
Councillor J. McMullen.
Councillor C. H. Walker.
Councillor P. Walls.
Councillor W. Watkyn-Thomas
Councillor H. Watts.
Councillor J. L. Yeowart.
John Highet, Esq., M.D.
Thos. Iredale, Esq., J.P.
John Warwick, Esq.
Richard Williamson, Esq.
Robert H. Williamson, Esq.

*Secretary and Librarian :—*

Mr. J. W. C. Purves.

## ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

Highest Possible—18.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. McMullen | 17 | Mr. Potts | 11 |
| Mr. McAleer | 15 | Mr. Iredale | 7 |
| Mr. Holmes | 15 | Mr. Walls | 7 |
| Mr. Warwick | 15 | Mr. Watts | 5 |
| Mr. Fraser | 14 | Mr. Walker | 4 |
| Mr. Yeowart | 14 | Mr. Watkyn-Thomas | 4 |
| Dr. Highet | 14 | Mr. Rd. Williamson | 3 |
| The Mayor | 13 | Mr. Duffield | 1 |

Mr. Robt. H. Williamson ... 0

## BUILDING COMMITTEE—9 Meetings.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Fraser | 9 | The Mayor | 5 |
| Mr. McMullen | 9 | Mr. Potts | 3 |
| Mr. Holmes | 7 | *Mr. Yeowart | 1 |

*Summoned to one only.

# *DATA*

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|---|---|
| Public Libraries' Acts Adopted ... ... | December, 1889. |
| Newsroom Opened ... ... ... | July 31st, 1890. |
| Lending and Reference Library Opened | November 2nd, 1891. |
| Half-Holiday Movement Adopted ... | May 13th, 1892. |
| Mr. Andrew Carnegie's Gift of £7,500 for the building of a New Public Library announced ... ... ... | June 5th, 1902. |
| Town Council give Site in Finkle Street for New Library ... ... ... | September 2nd, 1902. |
| Library Committee given Executive Powers to erect the New Library ... ... | October 7th, 1902. |
| Messrs. Jas. I. Wilson & Co., Builders, Tender for the erection of the New Library accepted ... ... ... | May 25th, 1903. |
| Memorial Stone laid by the Mayor ... | September 10th, 1903. |

Population of Borough, 1901—26,143. 1903, estimated—28,000.

Area of Borough, 2,244 Acres. Rateable Value, £96,008.

Library Rate Levied 1d. in the Pound.

Amount Received from the 1d. Rate, £398 13s. 8d.

## STAFF.

First Librarian ... ... ... MR. W. E. JONES.
Appointed August, 1891.

Present Librarian and Secretary ... MR. J. W. C. PURVES.
Appointed October, 1895.

Assistant ... ... ... ... MR. ALBERT HUNT.
Appointed May, 1897. Resigned October, 1900.

Senior Assistant ... ... ... MISS S. J. WOOD.
Appointed October, 1900.

Junior Assistant ... ... ... MISS E. J. PEAT.
Appointed October, 1900.

Temporary Assistant ... ... ... MISS S. SCOTT.

# Annual Report

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# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

*To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington.*

Gentlemen,

The Library Committee have pleasure in submitting their Annual Report for the period ending October 31st, 1903.

The previous report recorded Mr. Carnegie's munificent gift of £7,500 for the erection of a new Public Library, and the gift by the Town Council of a site situated in Finkle Street.

Entrusted with full executive powers to erect a new Library and Lecture Hall, the Committee—after an open competition in which seventy-four sets of designs were received—decided on the advice of Mr. Sidney R. J. Smith, F.R.I.B.A., London, who was appointed Assessor, to award the first premium of £25 to the design bearing the motto "King's Treasures," which was found to be the work of Messrs. W. A. Mellon and Geo. Wittett, of York. This design was subsequently

adopted for the buildings at present being erected, and with which considerable progress has been made. Mr. W. A. Mellon, one of the authors of the selected design, was appointed Architect. The Contractors are Messrs. Jas. I. Wilson and Co., Workington, and the Borough Surveyor, Mr. W. L. Eaglesfield, is Clerk of Works. A recognised authority considers the plan to be "the finest in the kingdom for a town the size of Workington."

The Foundation Stone was laid by the Mayor, Alderman R. E. Highton, on the 10th of September last.

The Committee desire to place on record their sense of indebtedness to Richard Williamson, Esq., and Robert Hardy Williamson, Esq., for their promised benefaction of £200 towards the Library Furnishing Fund, and venture to express the hope and belief that the example so worthily set by the Messrs. Williamson will be emulated by others interested in the welfare of the Library.

The Balance Sheet shows a credit balance of £16 9s. 10d., but it is important to point out that this was obtained at some sacrifice to the Library, as, owing to want of space, as few books as possible were purchased or replaced.

The demand for books steadily increases, and new readers are continually being added. 52,836 volumes were issued during the year, being an increase of 1,941 volumes over the previous year. The record is again broken, as last year's total, (50,895 Vols.), was the highest recorded.

Analysis of the class of books issued shows that the amount of Fiction taken out, with half of the juvenile issues reckoned in that class, is only 57½ per cent. of the whole.

The following pages give the usual details as to the class of books issued, donations, and the result of the stocktaking.

We are, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

R. E. HIGHTON, Mayor.
JAMES POTTS, } Vice-
DONALD FRASER, } Chairmen.
J. W. C. PURVES,
Secretary and Librarian.

## Harrington Scheme.

This scheme is practically a Branch Library or Delivery Station, and is the outcome of an Agreement with the Urban District Council of Harrington, whereby books are lent to the inhabitants of Harrington.

The scheme has been in operation four years, and 20,106 volumes have been issued. The Delivery Station is open for the issue and return of Books every Thursday Evening from 7-0 to 9-0 p.m., a room being engaged for the purpose in the Temperance Institute. Mr. Carnegie has recently offered £1,000 for the erection of a Public Library, and when the new premises are ready the issue of books and number of readers are likely to increase.

During the year 4,987 volumes were sent to Harrington, and 702 volumes were issued from the Library. Total issue—5,689 volumes. There are at present 459 readers enrolled.

The Urban District Council levy the full penny rate, and subscribe one-half to the Workington Authority. Cost of Carriage of Books (£5 per annum) is borne by the Workington Library Committee.

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## Book Club.

The Subscription Department is still very popular, and has for its object the provision of the latest books in Fiction, Travel, and General Literature. The books are kept on open shelves in the borrowers' space for the convenience of subscribers, and after twelve months are handed over as a gift to the Library.

The books are chosen by a Committee elected from the subscribers. 295 volumes were purchased during the year. The number of subscribers was 73.

Subscriptions received amounted to £34 6s. 1d.

Readers are again urged to join this Club, for, exactly in proportion to its membership, to that extent is the Library benefited. A large membership means a large purchasing capacity, the entire income being spent on books. That the terms are exceedingly moderate is demonstrated by the fact that for an outlay of 10/6, an omnivorous reader last year might have had a fresh book six days a week at a cost of about 2½d. per week, or less than ½d. per volume. Surely this is the *ne plus ultra* of cheap reading.

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## Annual Stocktaking.

The Reference Library is still the most unsatisfactory department of the Library, as no room is available, consequently the number of books has not increased to any extent. About 1,150 volumes is the total at present in stock, exclusive of Patent Office Publications.

The Lending Library now contains 8,939 volumes, 239 volumes having been added during the year. 107 volumes have been withdrawn, as they were quite worn out. 154 volumes have been replaced with new copies. 41 volumes withdrawn were found to be out of print, so cannot be replaced except from second-hand

lists. 526 volumes have been rebound, and 320 volumes have been laid aside for binding when money is available; to allow them to circulate in their present state would cause them to become imperfect.

Readers' Tickets are issued for periods of three years. The number of readers enrolled is 2,551, and 2,482 tickets are in use. On an average 64 new readers join every month.

# *DONATIONS.*

| | Vols. or Pamphlets. |
|---|---|
| Agent General, Natal: Natal: An Illustrated Official Railway Guide and Handbook of General Information ... | 1 |
| Agent General, Canada: Map of the Dominion of Canada ... | 1 |
| Mr. Dudley Baxter: Cardinal Pole—A Memoir ... | 1 |
| Mr. J. W. Benson, London: Time—Time Tellers ... | 1 |
| Mr. F. J. Burgoyne, London: Memorials of Robert Spears | 1 |
| Cape Colony, per Secretary of Agriculture: Cape Colony for the Settler ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| Cumberland County Council, per Mr. C. B. Hodgson, Carlisle: Minutes of Council and Committees, 1902 | 1 |
| Emigration Office: Quarterly Circulars ... ... | |
| Mr. W. L. Fletcher, Stoneleigh: The Home Teacher ... | 5 |
| Greenwood's Nautical Almanac, 1903—2 copies ... ... | 2 |
| Kendal, Corporation of. Kendal: A Gateway to the Lakes | 1 |
| Labour Commissioner, Mosely Industrial Commission Report | 1 |
| London University Guide and University Correspondence College Calendar, 1902-3 . ... ... | 1 |
| Lord's Day Observance Society, per the Secretary: Sunday Observance, by the Rev. F. Meyrick, M.A. ... | 1 |
| Manchester Public Library, per Librarian: Record of the Jubilee Celebrations, 1903 ... ... ... | 1 |
| Morning Post, per the Editor: Great Britain, her Finance and Commerce ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| National Union of Teachers, per the Secretary: Report for 1903 and List of Members for the year 1903 ... | 1 |
| North Shields Public Library: Stagg's Poems; Cumberland Dialect ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| Messrs. J. & J. Paton, London: List of Schools and Tutors, 1903 ... ... ... ... | 1 |

| | Vols. or Pamphlets. |
|---|---|
| Patent Office, London, per Comptroller General, ... | |
| Subject Matter Indices, 1901. ... ... | |
| Index of Patentees, 1901 ... ... ... | |
| Official Journal of Patents and Abridgements (Weekly) | |
| Queensland Mining Journal, per the Editor : Mining Journal | 1 |
| Mr. W. T. Vincent, Woolwich : Records of the Woolwich District ... ... ... ... | 2 |
| Workington Town Council, per Town Clerk : | |
| Minutes, Annual Volume, 1902-3 ... ... | 1 |
| Abstract of Accounts, 1902-3 ... ... | 2 |
| Burgess Roll, 1903-4 ... ... ... | 2 |
| Workington Book Club : | |
| Fiction, Biography, Travel and *Belles Lettres* ... | 295 |
| Workington Infirmary, per F. W. Jackson, Secretary : | |
| Annual Report, 1902 ... ... ... | 1 |
| Workington School Board : Minutes, Vol. 4, 1902-3 ... | 1 |
| Yale University, per Mr. A. Keogh : Souvenir Views of New Haven and Yale University ... ... | 1 |
| Library Catalogues and Bulletins : | |
| Birmingham, Darlington, Harrogate. Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham. | |
| Library Reports : | |
| Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Brighouse, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bury, Cardiff, Chorley, Cork, Croydon, Darlington, Dewsbury, Dundee, Ealing, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Hammersmith, Harrogate, Hartlepool, Hornsey, Hove, Hull, Kendal, Kimberley, Leeds, Lincoln, Longton, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Plymouth, Preston, Sunderland, Tynemouth, Wandsworth, West Ham, Westminster, Whitehaven, Wolverhampton. | |

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*BALANCE SHEET for Year ending March 31st, 1903.*

RECEIPTS.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1903—March 31st. | | | |
| By Amounts transferred from Borough Fund, namely: 1d. rate on assessment of £95,685 without deduction for voids & irrecoverables ... ... ... ... | 398 | 13 | 8 |
| ,, Receipts per Librarian: Sale of Papers, Fines, Damages, Catalogues and Sundries ... ... | 21 | 6 | 3 |
| ,, Contributions from Harrington Urban District Council ... | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Advertisements in Library Catalogue ... ... ... ... | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| ,, Balance overdrawn ... ... | 37 | 6 | 1 |
| | £499 | 2 | 0 |

EXPENDITURE.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1902—March 31st. | | | | | | |
| To Balance overdrawn ... | | | | 14 | 16 | 6 |
| 1903—March 31st. | | | | | | |
| To New Books and Continuation Vols. of Sets or Series ... | 77 | 13 | 6 | | | |
| ,, Replacements ... ... | 26 | 8 | 3 | | | |
| ,, Re-binding ... ... ... | 23 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Printing and Stationery ... | 15 | 10 | 9 | | | |
| ,, Newspapers and Periodicals | 48 | 3 | 2 | | | |
| ,, Fittings and Repairs ... | 22 | 5 | 10 | | | |
| ,, Rent, Fuel, Insurance, etc. | 26 | 9 | 10 | | | |
| ,, Carriage, Postage & Sundries | 23 | 17 | 8 | | | |
| ,, Salaries: Librarian, Assistants and Caretaker ... | 179 | 18 | 6 | | | |
| ,, Carriage of Books to Harrington ... ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Printing Authors' List of Additions ... ... | 35 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 484 | 5 | 6 |
| | | | | £499 | 2 | 0 |

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*BALANCE SHEET for Half-Year ending September 30th, 1903.*

[UN-OFFICIAL.]

## RECEIPTS.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Income from ½d. rate on £96,008 ... | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Subscription : Harrington Urban District Council ... ... ... ... | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Fines and Postages for Half-Year ... | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| ,, Subscriptions : Non Residents ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| ,, Damages to Books and Sundries ... | 0 | 7 | 8 |
| ,, Sale of Old Catalogues at 6d. each ... | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| ,, Sale of Authors' Lists at 3d. each ... | 0 | 9 | 3 |
| ,, Sale of Old Newspapers, Magazines and Periodicals ... ... ... ... | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| ,, Advertisements in Covers of New Reading Cases ... ... ... | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| | £229 | 10 | 0 |

## EXPENDITURE.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deficit brought forward April, 1903 ... | | ... | | 37 | 6 | 1 |
| To New Books and Continuation Vols. of Sets or Series ... | 14 | 12 | 7 | | | |
| ,, Replacements ... ... | 0 | 14 | 9 | | | |
| ,, Re-Binding ... ... | 11 | 18 | 11 | | | |
| ,, Printing and Stationery ... | 5 | 13 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Newspapers and Periodicals | 23 | 18 | 2 | | | |
| ,, Fittings and Repairs ... | 2 | 5 | 3 | | | |
| ,, Rent, Fuel, Insurance, etc. | 19 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Carriage, Postage & Sundries | 3 | 14 | 5 | | | |
| ,, Salaries : Librarian, Assistants and Caretakers ... | 90 | 17 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Carriage of Books to Harrington ... ... ... | 2 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 175 | 14 | 1 |
| Balance ... ... | ... | | ... | 16 | 9 | 10 |
| | | | | £229 | 10 | 0 |

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## *Classified List of Issues, Nov. 10th, 1902, to Oct. 31st, 1903, inclusive.*

| Sent to Harrington. | Class. | Nov | Dec | Jan. | Feb. | Mar | Apl. | May | Jun. | Jly. | Aug | Sep. | Oct. | Class Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 210 | Miscellaneous ... ... ... | 124 | 214 | 327 | 337 | 396 | 405 | 512 | 361 | 658 | 343 | 563 | 315 | **4555** |
| 48 | Philosophy ... ... ... ... | 12 | 29 | 45 | 51 | 49 | 40 | 58 | 46 | 45 | 40 | 62 | 35 | **512** |
| 72 | Religion ... ... ... ... | 33 | 63 | 74 | 60 | 59 | 46 | 64 | 54 | 56 | 42 | 46 | 34 | **631** |
| 62 | Sociology ... ... ... ... | 22 | 55 | 60 | 66 | 71 | 31 | 38 | 37 | 35 | 16 | 41 | 24 | **496** |
| 42 | Philology ... ... ... ... | 16 | 22 | 32 | 28 | 16 | 19 | 41 | 30 | 29 | 17 | 31 | 17 | **298** |
| 134 | Natural Science ... ... ... | 71 | 115 | 151 | 117 | 89 | 49 | 84 | 74 | 48 | 87 | 36 | 81 | **1002** |
| 139 | Useful Arts ... ... ... ... | 87 | 122 | 152 | 123 | 93 | 50 | 87 | 74 | 66 | 98 | 44 | 86 | **1082** |
| 251 | Fine Arts ... ... ... ... | 134 | 124 | 201 | 144 | 140 | 121 | 184 | 81 | 152 | 117 | 83 | 109 | **1590** |
| 134 | *Belles Lettres*, Poetry and Drama | 59 | 76 | 135 | 118 | 90 | 36 | 54 | 42 | 49 | 32 | 21 | 62 | **774** |
| 452 | History, Travel and Biography ... | 321 | 291 | 472 | 428 | 381 | 268 | 344 | 210 | 289 | 308 | 265 | 287 | **3864** |
| 3233 | Fiction ... ... ... ... | 1410 | 1860 | 2695 | 2334 | 2273 | 1953 | 2182 | 1502 | 1969 | 1650 | 1818 | 2041 | **23687** |
| 912 | Juvenile ... ... ... ... | 955 | 1237 | 1689 | 1281 | 1266 | 1053 | 1311 | 858 | 1091 | 1136 | 1009 | 1459 | **14345** |
| **5689** | **Monthly Totals ... ... ...** | **3244** | **4208** | **6033** | **5087** | **4923** | **4071** | **4959** | **3369** | **4487** | **3889** | **4019** | **4550** | **52836** |

Total Issues of previous years { 1894-5 :—28,087 vols. 1896-7 :—40,618 vols. 1898-9 :—39,839 vols. 1900-01 :—47,277 vols.
1895-6 :—40,679 vols. 1897-8 :—47,588 vols. 1899-0 :—42,538 vols. 1901-02 :—50,895 vols.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## HARRINGTON ISSUES.

***Classified List of Issues, Nov. 10th, 1902, to Oct. 31st, 1903 inclusive.***

| Issued at Workington. | Class. | Nov | Dec | Jan. | Feb. | Mar | Apl. | May | Jun. | Jly. | Aug | Sep. | Oct. | Class Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | Miscellaneous ... ... ... | 13 | 16 | 18 | 15 | 25 | 24 | 15 | 17 | 11 | 19 | 20 | 17 | **210** |
| 1 | Philosophy ... ... ... ... | 1 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 2 | **48** |
| 6 | Religion .. ... ... ... | 4 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 8 | **72** |
| 11 | Sociology ... ... ... ... | 6 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | **62** |
| 4 | Philology ... ... ... ... | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 6 | **42** |
| 14 | Natural Science ... ... ... | 8 | 10 | 18 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 19 | 11 | 15 | 14 | 16 | **134** |
| 9 | Useful Arts ... ... ... .. | 7 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 21 | 15 | 16 | 12 | 20 | **139** |
| 31 | Fine Arts ... ... ... ... | 19 | 22 | 32 | 30 | 15 | 22 | 19 | 20 | 13 | 17 | 25 | 17 | **251** |
| 20 | *Belles Lettres*, Poetry and Drama | 9 | 12 | 23 | 18 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 13 | **134** |
| 90 | History, Travel and Biography ... | 39 | 50 | 60 | 41 | 31 | 33 | 23 | 41 | 30 | 40 | 33 | 31 | **452** |
| 371 | Fiction ... ... ... ... | 179 | 276 | 233 | 295 | 385 | 275 | 308 | 303 | 246 | 234 | 300 | 199 | **3233** |
| 109 | Juvenile ... ... ... .. | 63 | 92 | 79 | 88 | 71 | 71 | 74 | 94 | 62 | 74 | 96 | 48 | **912** |
| **702** | **Monthly Totals ... ... ...** | **348** | **509** | **497** | **523** | **561** | **447** | **467** | **556** | **421** | **448** | **530** | **382** | **5689** |

# *PAPERS, &c., IN READING ROOM.*

## DAILIES:—

Carlisle Evening Journal. Catholic Times, Daily Graphic, Daily News, Freeman's Journal, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool Daily Post, Manchester Guardian, Newcastle Daily Chronicle, Sheffield Telegraph, Shipping Gazette, Telegraph, Times, Yorkshire Post.

## BI-WEEKLIES:—

Carlisle Journal, West Cumberland Times.

## WEEKLIES:

Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, Athenæum, Bazaar and Mart, British Architect, British Journal of Photography, Building News, Canadian Gazette, Carlisle Patriot, Carpenter and Builder, Chemical Trade Journal, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Weekly, Cumberland Pacquet, Clarion, County Council Times, Electrical Engineer, East Cumberland News, Engineer, Engineering, Farm Field and Fireside, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Hearth and Home, Illustrated London News, Invention, Local Government Journal, Labour News, Literary World, Nature, Notes and Queries, Photographic News, Publisher's Circular, Phonetic Journal, Patent Office Journal, Public Health Engineer, Punch, Queen, Sanitary Record, Saturday Review, Stock Exchange Report, University Correspondent, Whitehaven News, Work, Workington News, Workington Star, Workington Mail.

## MONTHLIES:—

All the World—Salvation Army Record, Blackwood's Magazine, Century Magazine, Chambers' Journal, Contemporary Review, Engineering Magazine, English Illustrated Magazine, Feilden's Magazine, Fortnightly Review, Free Russia, Free Sunday Advocate, Harper's Monthly, Inventor's Review, Ladies' League Gazette, Leisure Hour, Monthly Review, Musical Herald, New Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, Nonconformist Musical Journal, Photogram, Review of Reviews, Strand, Travel, Woodworker, Zoophilist.

## RAILWAY & TOURIST GUIDES:—

Cambrian Rly., Caledonian Rly., Cleator & Workington Junction Rly., Furness Rly., Glasgow & South Western Rly., Great Northern Rly., Great Northern Rly. of Ireland, Great Western Rly., Great North of Scotland Rly., Great Eastern Rly., Great Central Rly., Great Southern & Western Rly., Highland Rly., Isle of Man Tourist Guide, Lancashire & Yorkshire Rly., London & North Western Rly., London Chatham & Dover Rly., London Brighton & South Coast Rly., Midland Rly., North British Rly., North Eastern Rly., Tyne Steam Shipping Co.,

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# Borough of Workington.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

# REPORT

OF THE

## Public Library Committee,

November 1st, 1906, to October 31st, 1908.

WORKINGTON:

PRINTED BY W. H. MOSS AND SONS LTD., 49, POW STREET.

1909.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CARNEGIE HALL.

ELEVATIONS TO FINKLE STREET AND VULCAN'S LANE.

# Borough of Workington.

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1909.

## *FORM OF BEQUEST.*

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington, in the County of Cumberland, the sum of £ : : , free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Library of the above Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and better equipment of the Institution.

Donations of Books, Pictures, Statuary, or Art Collections of any kind, forwarded to the Borough Librarian, will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

# *LIBRARY COMMITTEE.*

*Chairman :—*

His Worship the Mayor (Alderman J. Harding, J.P.)

*Vice-Chairmen :—*

James Potts, Esq. Donald Fraser, Esq.

*Members of Committee :—*

Alderman Jas. Duffield, J.P.
Alderman Jas. Fletcher, J.P.
Alderman R. E. Highton, J.P.
Councillor J. Mc.Arthur.
Councillor J. Mc.Mullen.
Councillor G. A. L. Skerry.
Councillor B. Towers.
Councillor C. H. Walker.
Councillor P. Walls, J.P.
E. J. Hepworth, Esq.
John Highet, Esq., M.D., J.P.
Thos. Iredale, Esq., C.A., J.P.
John Warwick, Esq.
Rd. Williamson, Esq.
R. H. Williamson, Esq.

*Secretary & Librarian :—*

Mr. J. W. Cummings Purves.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS :—

Highest Possible—13.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Fraser | ... ... | 10 | |
| Mr. Mc.Arthur | ... ... | 7 | |
| Mr. Mawson | ... ... | 6 | |
| Mr. Hepworth | ... ... | 5 | |
| Mr. Mc.Mullen | ... ... | 5 | |
| Mr. Towers | ... ... | 5 | |
| The Mayor | ... ... | 4 | |
| Mr. Potts | ... ... ... | 2 | |
| Mr. Warwick | ... ... | 2 | |
| Mr. Fletcher | ... ... | 1 | |
| Mr. Highton | ... ... | 1 | |
| Mr. Skerry | ... ... | 1 | |
| Mr. Walker | ... ... | 1 | |
| Mr. Walls | ... ... | 1 | |
| Dr. Highet | ... ... | 1 | |
| Mr. Iredale | .. ... | 0 | |
| Mr. R. Williamson | ... | 0 | |
| Mr. R. H. Williamson | ... | 0 | |

# DATA.

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|---|---|
| Public Libraries' Act Adopted ... ... ... | December, 1889. |
| Newsroom Opened ... ... ... ... | July 31st, 1900. |
| Lending and Reference Library Opened ... ... | November 2nd, 1891. |
| Half-Holiday Movement Adoped ... ... ... | May 13th, 1892. |
| Mr. Andrew Carnegie's Gift of £7,500 for the building of a New Public Library announced ... ... | June 5th, 1902. |
| Town Council give Site in Finkle Street for New Library ... ... ... ... ... | September 2nd, 1902. |
| Messrs. Jas. I. Wilson & Co., Builders, Tender for the erection of the New Library accepted ... | May 25th, 1903. |
| Memorial Stone laid by the Mayor ... ... | September 10th, 1903. |
| Library and Lecture Hall Opened ... ... | October 6th, 1904. |

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Population of Borough, 1901—26,143. 1908, estimated—28,000.

Area of Borough, 2,244 Acres. Rateable Value, £100,915.

Library Rate Levied, 1d. in the Pound.

Amount Received from the 1d. Rate, £416 7s. 8d.

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# STAFF.

| | | Appointed. |
|---|---|---|
| Librarian & Secretary ... | Mr. J. W. Cummings Purves ... | October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistant ... | Miss E. J. Peat ... | October, 1900. |
| Senior Assistant ... | Miss M. Mc.Kay ... | July, 1905. |
| Junior Assistant ... | Miss E. Swinburn ... | February, 1907. |
| Janitor ... ... | Mr. G. Nicholson ... | June, 1905. |

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## FORMER OFFICIALS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Librarian ... | Mr. W. E. Jones ... | August, 1891—October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistants ... | Mr. Albert Hunt ... | May, 1897—October, 1900. |
| ... | Miss S. J. Wood ... | October, 1900—June, 1907. |

# REPORT

OF THE

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

## November, 1906—October, 1908.

November 30th, 1908.

*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington.*

GENTLEMEN,

The Library Committee present their report for the two years ending October 31st, 1908. The period comprised is, perhaps, the least notable of any in the history of the institution, and coincides with what has been, without doubt, the most gloomy and distressful years in the history of the town, owing to trade depression, the idleness of the large works, and the serious epidemic of infectious diseases which broke out early in 1908, and caused the Lending Departments of the Library to be closed during March and April.

The Library has now reached a stage in its career when the income must be increased by some means, otherwise the stock of modern scientific and popular literature will be hopelessly out of date, or cease to exist.

The only notable addition to the shelves during the period under review was the purchase of a set of twelve volumes of the Cambridge Modern History. The policy of the Committee has of necessity been that of "marking time," as a deficit on the Library Revenue Account of £48 1s. 8d. in April, 1906, had increased to £70 15s. 7d. by April, 1907. In April, 1908, it had been reduced to £36 13s. 10d., and the Committee hope to have a credit balance at the close of the present financial year, March, 1909, as a result of allowing some repairs to books to lie over, and by declining to purchase many new books.

The Furnishing Account, overdrawn in 1906 by £220, was reduced to £159 12s. 11d. by March 31st, 1908. This reduction is due to profits on Lecture Hall rentals, but it will take over two years at least at the same rate to clear this account, and allow these profits to be transferred to the chief object for which the Lecture Hall was erected, viz., a Book Fund and the maintenance of the fabric.

In 1907-8, the rentals of the Hall totalled £129, including £28 from a special Ball given by members of the County Council in aid of the Furnishing Fund; there was also a profit on Whist Drives for the same object of £12 4s. 0d.

To date, November 30th, 1908, the ordinary rentals are considerably behind the previous year, and there has been no receipts from special efforts. The distress in the town has diverted the proceeds of such efforts into other channels, and

the Committee cannot complain, as the distress was acute. Heavy expenses have also been incurred in painting, repairs to roof and gables, and other alterations which could not be avoided, consequently the prospect of reducing the overdraft this year is not promising.

It is now twenty years since the Public Libraries Acts were adopted, and the Committee are faced with a very difficult problem owing to lack of funds. Many hundreds of dilapidated, dirty or worn out books require either re-binding or replacing with new copies.

A new complete author list or catalogue of the books now in the Library is required. The old catalogue is both out of print and out of date. A few annual lists of additions are all that are left for sale. This new catalogue even if published as an author list (without subject entries) will cost about £70.

A new subject catalogue and suitable index has been typed upon cards, and will be completed this year, but it will only be available on application in the Library, and its usefulness is impaired by being housed in a room as yet unfurnished for Library purposes.

One notable event during the past year was the adoption of the Acts by the Parish of Stainburn, whose residents now use this Library, under an arrangement similar to the arrangement with the Harrington Urban District Council. Thirty-eight readers are now enrolled from this small village, and the issues which number 100 are steadily increasing.

The issue to Harrington readers last year (ten months) was 4,455 volumes, and for the twelve months ending October 31st, 1907, it was 7,689 volumes. The number of readers at Harrington is 258.

The books issued from the Lending and Juvenile Departments during 1906-07 numbered 65,916 volumes. In 1907-8, they were 62,406, a decrease of 3,510 volumes, but it must be remembered that the Library was closed two months, and the average issue per month works out at 7,738 volumes. In November, 1908, the issue was 10,130 volumes.

The table of issues appended to this Report shows a continual increase, and consequent heavier wear and tear on the books. The Committee, though pleased at the popularity of the Library, cannot help but view this increasing issue with alarm, owing to the lack of funds.

All Readers' Tickets expired on October 31st, 1908, and the number at present in force is 2,637 ; 913 of these being Juvenile Tickets.

Several of the Library rooms still require additional furniture to complete, but the necessary funds not being available, no progress can be made.

The institution is perhaps the one place in the town shewn with pride by the residents to their friends and visitors, and the present state of its rooms and furniture, and the condition of its stock on the shelves is not worthy of the splendid gift of £7,500 for the erection of the fabric.

The Committee regret that no opportunity has occurred of discussing with the Council ways and means for clearing off the debt, and completing the institution in a manner worthy of the donor, and hope such an opportunity may be granted at an early date.

Signed,

JOSEPH HARDING, *Mayor.*

JAMES POTTS,
DONALD FRASER, } *Vice-Chairmen.*

J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES, *Secretary.*

# *List of Donations, 1906-8.*

| | Vols. or Pamphlets. |
|---|---|
| Code, George, Esq., Hon. Sec. Dr. Barnardo's Homes : Illustrated Report, "These Forty Years" ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| Cumberland County Council, per C. C. Hodgson, Esq. : ... ... Minutes of Council, 1906. | 1 |
| Curwen, A. D., Esq., Workington Hall : Artist's Proof Engraving, "Coronation of Edward VII." | |
| Director, British Museum, London ... ... ... ... | 6 |
| Emigrants' Information Office : Emigration Circulars. | |
| Furnival, W. J., Esq. : ... ... .. ... ... ... Vaccination and the Medical Profession. Alleged Vaccinal Injuries. | 2 |
| Gale and Polden, Ltd. : Aids to Scouting ... ... ... | 1 |
| General Editor, Burlington House, Cambridge : ... ... ... Cases for University Correspondent, and Certificate Examiner. | 2 |
| Gladstone's, Rt. Hon. W. E., Trustees, Hawarden Castle : ... ... Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture. Odes of Horace. Psalter with Concordance, and other auxiliary matter. | 3 |
| Iredale, Thos., Esq., Workington : Journals—Iron & Steel Institute, Vols. 69-77 : 1906-08. | |
| Jackson, J. J., Esq., Secretary, "The Message Committee," : "The Message" by A. J. Dawson .. ... ... ... .. | 1 |
| Library Association, North Western Branch : Report of Council and List of Members, 1906 ... ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| North British Railway Co. : Official Tourist Guides ... ... | 2 |
| Pratt, Edwin A., Esq. : The Licensed Trade ... ... ... | 1 |
| Secretary, National Union of Teachers : Report for 1908, and List of Members for 1907 ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| Simpson, William, Esq., Stockport : "The Voluntaryist Creed" by the late Hon. Auberon Herbert .. ... ... ... | 1 |
| Skerry, Councillor G. A. L., Workington : "English Statutes" ... | 14 |

Western Australia, Agent General: Western Australian Year Book, 1902-4 ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 1

Whitehaven Scientific Association, per Hon. Secretary: Annual Journal, 1906-7 ... ... ... .. ... ... ... 1

Workington Town Council, per Town Clerk ... ... ... 10

Library Catalogues, Bulletins, Journals, and Magazines:
Darlington, Middlesborough, Manchester, Nottingham, Sunderland.

Library Reports:

Accrington, Acton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor,
Barrow-in-Furness, Barry, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Brighton, Bury,
Chorley, Cork, John Crerar, Chicago,
Derby, Dewsbury, Dukinfield, Dumbarton, Dundee,
Ealing, Eccles,
Gloucester, Great Yarmouth,
Hammersmith, Hartlepool, Hornsey, Hove,
Keighley, Kettering,
Leeds, Leicester, Lincoln, Liverpool, Longton, Loughborough,
Nelson, Newcastle, New York, Nottingham,
Penarth, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Providence,
Rhode Island, Richmond (Surrey),
Salem, Sandeman, Shoreditch, South Shields,
Tynemouth,
Walthamstow, Wandsworth, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Westminster, Whitehaven, Wigan, Windsor, Wolverhampton, Worcester,
York.

# *Newspapers and Periodicals.*

## DAILIES :—

Daily Dispatch, Daily Mail, Daily News, Telegraph, Freeman's Journal, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury, Manchester Guardian, North Mail, Sheffield Telegraph, Shipping Gazette, Stock Exchange Report, Times, Yorkshire Post.

## BI-WEEKLIES :—

Carlisle Journal, West Cumberland Times.

## WEEKLIES :—

Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, Arms and Explosives, Athletic News, Athenæum, Bazaar and Mart, British Architect, Building News, Canadian Gazette, Carpenter and Builder, Catholic Times, Chemical Trade Journal, Clarion, Co-operative News, County Council Times, Electrical Engineer, Engineering, Engineering Times, Era, Gardeners' Chronicle, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Hearth and Home, Illustrated London News, Iron and Coal Trades Review, Labour Leader, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, Labour News, Ladies' Pictorial, Local Government Officer, London Opinion, Machinery Market, Nature, Notes and Queries, Phonetic Journal, Patent Office Journal, Public Health Engineer, Public Opinion, Punch, Queen, Sanitary Record, Saturday Review, Scientific American, Stage, Truth, University Correspondent, The Vulcan, Work, Workington News, Workington Star.

## MONTHLIES :—

Blackwood's Magazine, Chambers' Journal, Contemporary Review, Engineering Magazine, Engineering Review (late Fielden's Magazine), English Illustrated Magazine, Fortnightly Review, Free Sunday Advocate, Garden City Magazine, Harpers' Monthly, Herald of Health, Labour Gazette, Church Gazette, Magazine of Commerce, Millgate Magazine, Monthly Review, Musical Herald, National Review, New Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, Nonconformist Musical Journal, Pall Mall Magazine, Patents, Photogram, Review of Reviews, Southern Field (America), State Correspondent, Strand, Woodworker, Zoophilist.

## QUARTERLIES :—

Book Auction Records, Hibbert's Journal.

## RAILWAY AND TOURIST GUIDES :—

Cambrian Rly., Caledonian Rly., Cleator and Workington Junction Rly., Furness Rly., Glasgow & South Western Rly., Great Northern Rly. of Ireland, Great Western Rly., Great North of Scotland Rly., Great Eastern Rly., Great Central Rly., Great Southern & Western Rly., Highland Rly., Isle of Man Tourist Guide, Lancashire & Yorkshire Rly., London & North Western Rly., London, Brighton & South Coast Rly., Midland Rly., North British Rly. North Eastern Rly., South Eastern & Chatham Rly., Tyne Steam Shipping Co.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## REVENUE ACCOUNT for Year ended 31st March, 1908.

### INCOME.

| March 31st, 1908. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Borough Rate—1d. Rate on Assessment of £99,932, without any deductions for voids and irrecoverables ... ... ... | 416 | 7 | 8 |
| ,, Contribution from Harrington Urban Council | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Contribution from Education Committee for Books ... ... ... ... | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Miscellaneous Receipts—Advertisements, Fines, Catalogues, Sales, &c. and Sundries | 12 | 16 | 10 |
| ,, Corporation—Use of Council Chamber ... | 17 | 17 | 6 |
| ,, Contribution from County Council for Students beyond the Borough boundary ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Balance ... ... ... ... | 36 | 13 | 10 |
| | £533 | 15 | 10 |

### EXPENDITURE.

| March 31st, 1907. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance overdrawn ... ... ... | 70 | 15 | 7 |
| March 31st, 1908. | | | |
| ,, Salaries—Librarian, Assistants and Caretaker | 221 | 1 | 2 |
| ,, Newspapers and Periodicals ... ... | 46 | 10 | 6 |
| ,, New Books and Replacements ... ... | 52 | 11 | 3 |
| ,, Printing, Advertising, &c. ... ... | 17 | 13 | 4 |
| ,, Repairs and Sundries ... ... ... | 21 | 15 | 3 |
| ,, Insurance ... ... ... ... | 8 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Binding ... ... ... ... | 23 | 16 | 0 |
| ,, Carriages—Books to and from Harrington ... | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Petty Disbursements, per Librarian ... | 14 | 1 | 11 |
| ,, To Fuel, per Gas Works ... ... ... | 32 | 10 | 6 |
| ,, Painting ... ... ... ... | 20 | 17 | 0 |
| ,, Rates and Taxes ... .. ... | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| | £533 | 15 | 10 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | Miscellaneous ... ... | 0 | 3 | 8 | 5 | | | 5 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 43 |
| 11 | Philosophy ... ... ... | 9 | 12 | 32 | 9 | | | 2 | 16 | 14 | 19 | 13 | 23 | 149 |
| 22 | Religion ... ... ... | 21 | 34 | 18 | 22 | | | 7 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 18 | 20 | 194 |
| 32 | Sociology ... ... ... | 26 | 34 | 32 | 26 | | | 7 | 22 | 24 | 25 | 32 | 29 | 257 |
| 1 | Philology ... ... ... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 20 |
| 20 | Natural Science ... ... | 34 | 27 | 29 | 15 | | 2 | 8 | 26 | 26 | 35 | 37 | 47 | 286 |
| 34 | Useful Arts ... ... ... | 35 | 26 | 31 | 26 | | | 29 | 41 | 21 | 40 | 50 | 77 | 376 |
| 76 | Fine Arts ... .. ... | 110 | 75 | 91 | 43 | | | 40 | 52 | 57 | 54 | 74 | 100 | 696 |
| 80 | *Belles Lettres*, Poetry & Drama | 87 | 59 | 76 | 61 | | | 18 | 42 | 48 | 46 | 75 | 100 | 612 |
| 193 | History, Travel and Biography | 201 | 158 | 156 | 115 | 1 | 7 | 65 | 115 | 122 | 139 | 155 | 220 | 1454 |
| 3546 | Fiction ... ... ... | 4810 | 3586 | 4267 | 2588 | 193 | 222 | 1625 | 3150 | 3040 | 4151 | 3817 | 4665 | 36114 |
| 433 | Juvenile ... ... ... | 3073 | 2158 | 2324 | 1397 | | | 827 | 1583 | 1680 | 1925 | 2401 | 4837 | 22205 |
| 4455 | Monthly Totals ... ... | 5408 | 6174 | 7065 | 4308 | 194 | 231 | 2634 | 5168 | 5053 | 6463 | 6678 | 10130 | 62406 |

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*Secretary & Librarian :—*

Mr. J. W. Cummings Purves.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS :—

Highest Possible—12

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Hope | 11 | | Mr. Kennaugh | 1 | |
| Mr. Fraser | 10 | | Mr. Potts | 1 | |
| The Mayor | 8 | | Mr. Towers | 1 | |
| Mr. Mc.Mullen | 8 | | Mr. Walker | 1 | |
| Mr. Hepworth | 7 | | Mr. Walls | 1 | |
| Mr. Lewis | 7 | | Mr. Duffield | 0 | |
| Mr. Mawson | 6 | | Mr. Highton | 0 | |
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| Dr. Highet | 5 | | Mr. Skerry | 0 | |
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# STAFF.

| | | Appointed. |
|---|---|---|
| Librarian & Secretary | Mr. J. W. Cummings Purves | .. October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistant .. | Miss E. J. Peat | .. October, 1900. |
| Senior Assistant .. | Miss M. Mc.Kay | .. July, 1905. |
| Junior Assistant .. | Miss E. Swinburn | ..February, 1907. |
| Janitor .. .. | Mr. G. Nicholson | .. June, 1905. |

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FORMER OFFICIALS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Librarian .. | Mr. W. E. Jones | August, 1891—October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistants | Mr. Albert Hunt | May, 1897—October, 1900. |
| | Miss S. J. Wood | October, 1900—June, 1907. |

# REPORT

OF THE

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

**November, 1908—October, 1909.**

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington.

*November* 15*th*, 1909.

Gentlemen,

The Library Committee present their report for the year ending October 31st, 1909. The pessimistic tone of the last report has in the present report been somewhat minimised. The staple industries of the neighbourhood have taken a new lease of life during the past year, consequently the inhabitants and tradespeople generally are in happier moods.

The general health of the district has improved, the epidemics of fever have been stamped out, and the tone of even the commercial members of the community, is optimistic.

The Library Committee have still their chronic impecuniosity to lament, but even here the cloud is not so black as formerly. The Lecture Hall rentals have shown such an improvement as to warrant hope that the debt on the Furnishing Account will be cleared off at least twelve months earlier

than foreshadowed in the last report. In fact, but for considerable expenditure (which should properly be charged to Capital and Furnishing Accounts) in order to comply with the law as to Licences for Public Entertainment and the requirements of the new tenant, a very substantial profit would have been shown for the financial half-year ending September 30th.

Until this debt is cleared off, and the profits of the Lecture Hall available for the purchase of books and much needed furniture, the Committee must mark time. While no substantial increase in the number of new books can be looked for in the near future, the Committee intend at the earliest opportunity to make a clean sweep of all the soiled, dirty, or dilapidated volumes, and replace them with new copies so that the new catalogue may be up-to-date as far as possible.

This Catalogue is now in the press and will contain a complete author list of the books in the Lending and Juvenile Departments, with a supplement showing the titles of all Fiction and Tales.

The Reference Library Catalogue will be a typed manuscript list of Authors in sheaf form, with the subjects in the Card Catalogue style. The counter containing the drawers of this subject Catalogue has been removed to the Borrowers' Hall to make it easily accessible to all readers.

The removal of the old stable behind the lending Department and making up of a lane twelve feet wide has made a splendid improvement. This Department is now the best

lighted room in the building, formerly it was the worst. The removal of the stable necessitated a new drainage scheme in the rear of the premises, and a further charge of £25 for capital expenses against a revenue account already overburdened, but which otherwise would for the first time for many years have shown a credit balance.

The Revenue Account, overdrawn March 31st, 1908, by £36 13s. 8d., has been reduced in spite of the Capital expenditure mentioned above to £12 13s. 1d.

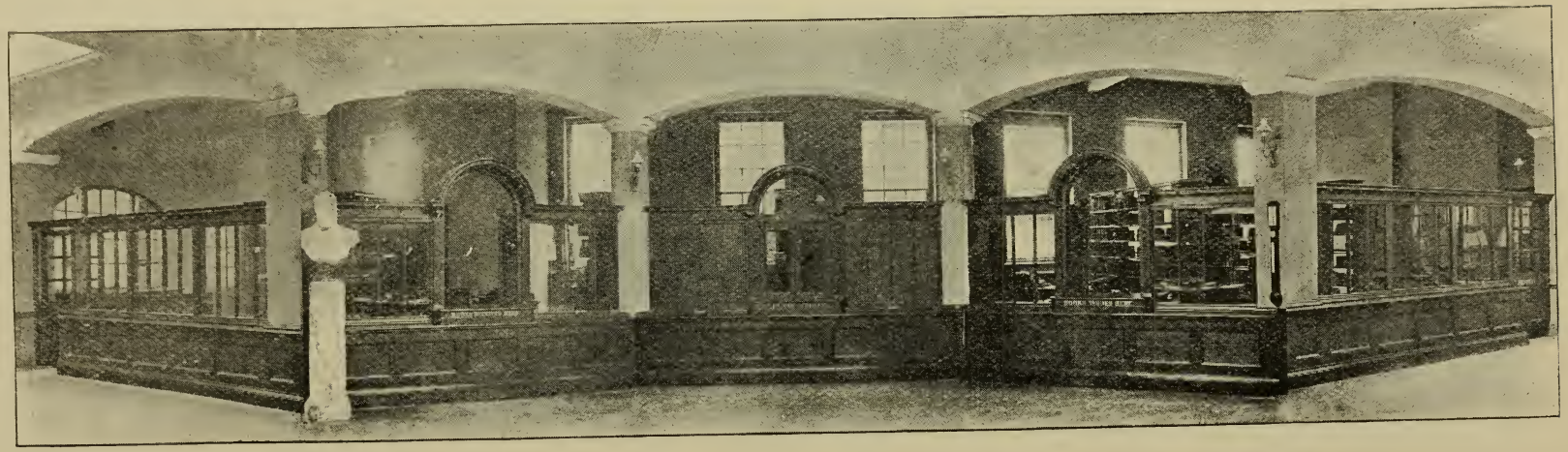
The Furnishing Account, overdrawn at the same date by £159 12s. 11d., has only been reduced about £28, through the cost of extensive alterations required by the Licensing Justices and alterations for our new tenant (Mr. STANLEY ROGERS) who has rented the Carnegie Hall until December 31st, 1910.

The Lending Department now contains 8,445 volumes, the Reference and Magazine Departments 2,353 volumes excluding Patent Office Publications, and the Juvenile Department 2,402. Total, 13,200 volumes.

Since October, 1908 (thirteen months) 3,993 readers' tickets have been issued and will remain in force for three years. The average number of new tickets issued per month is 199.

The issues this year show an enormous increase. The highest on record was 65,916 volumes for 1906-7; last year it was 62,406 volumes; this year, November, 1908, to October 31st, 1909, it is 82,409 volumes, showing an increase of 20,003 volumes. No wonder the stock requires renewal.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.



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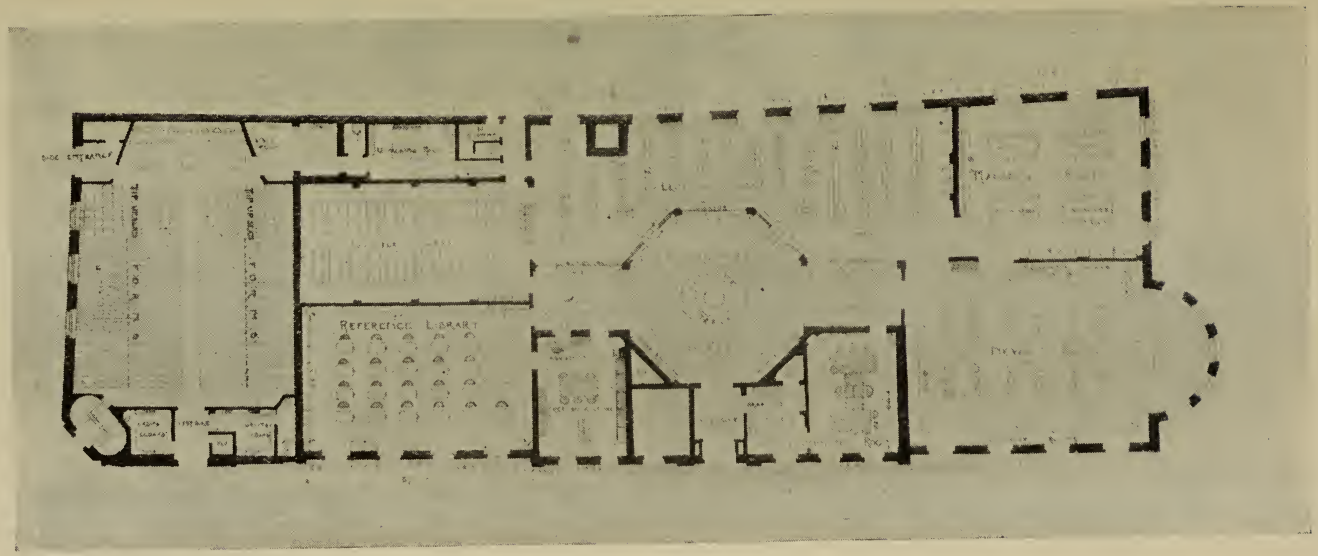


PLAN OF INTERIOR.

The issues to Harrington Readers (who number 255) have also increased from 4,455 volumes to 6,057 volumes, an increase of 1,602 volumes.

## SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY.

THE Book Club, unfortunately, is not now the feeder of the general Library it used to be, consequent upon the opposition of a Branch of the largest Circulating Library in the Kingdom, which has been established almost next door to the Library, so that this source of supply for new literature has run dry and the need for an increased income become acute.

In spite of the lack of new or recent literature, the wonderful popularity of the institution can be noted daily, especially in the evenings by the constant stream of readers to all departments, and visitors to the town often express their approval at the size of the rooms and their excellent arrangement.

(Signed),

JAMES HARDING, *Mayor.*

JAMES POTTS, }
DONALD FRASER, } *Vice-Chairmen.*

J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES, *Secretary.*

# List of Donations, 1908=1909.

| | Vols. or Pamphlets. |
|---|---|
| Bell, Theodore, Esq., Hon. Sec. Theosophical Society, London. "The Ancient Wisdom." .. .. .. .. | 1 |
| British Museum, Trustees of .. .. .. .. .. | 5 |
| Catalogue of Moths. Vol. vii. | |
| Synopsis of British Basidiomycetes. | |
| Guide to Races of Mankind. | |
| Guide to Whales. | |
| Study of Rocks. | |
| Casson, Herbert N., Pine Hill, New York .. .. .. | 1 |
| Cyrus Hall Mc.Cormick. His Life and Work. | |
| Cumberland County Council, per C. C. Hodgson, Esq. .. .. | 1 |
| Minutes of Council and Committees. | |
| Cumberland Education Committee, per C. A. Hodgson, Esq. ... | 1 |
| Minutes of Committee and Sub-Committees. | |
| Emigrants' Information Office, Emigration Circulars. | |
| Iredale, Thos., Esq., Workington: Journals—Iron and Steel Institute Vols 78—9 : 1908—9. | |
| Mayson, Mrs. Joseph, Mountain View, Cockermouth. Old Map of Workington. | |
| Ontario Bureau of Mines : per Assistant Superintendent of Emigration. Seventeenth Report of, 1908. .. .. .. | 3 |
| Paton, J. & J., London, E.C. .. .. .. .. | 1 |
| List of Schools and Tutors, 1909. | |
| South Australia, Agent General .. .. .. .. | 1 |
| South Australian Handbook. | |
| Whitehaven Scientific Association, per Hon. Secretary .. .. | 1 |
| Annual Journal, 1908—9. | |
| Library Catalogues, Bulletins, Journals and Magazines :— Middlesborough, Newcastle, Sunderland. | |

Library Reports :

Accrington, Aston Manor, Barry, Battersea.
Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Brighton.
Bromley, Chorley, Cork, John Crerar—Chicago.
Croydon, Dewsbury, Ealing, Eastbourne, Eccles.
Gateshead, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Hornsey.
Hove, Huddersfield, Kettering, Leeds.
Leicester, Liverpool, Loughborough, New York.
Nottingham, Penarth, Portsmouth, Preston.
Providence, Rhode Island, Richmond, (Surrey).
Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Westminster.
Whitehaven, Windsor, Wolverhampton, York.

# Newspapers and Periodicals

## DAILIES.

Daily Dispatch, Daily Mail, Daily News, Telegraph, Freeman's Journal, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury, Manchester Guardian North Mail, Sheffield Telegraph, Shipping Gazette, Times, Yorkshire Post.

## BI-WEEKLIES.

Carlisle Journal, West Cumberland Times.

## WEEKLIES.

Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, Arms and Explosives, Athletic News, Athenæum, Bazaar, Exchange and Mart, Board of Trade Journal, British Architect, Canada, Canadian Gazette, Carpenter and Builder, Catholic Times, Chemical Trade Journal, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Weekly, Clarion, Co-operative News, Electrical Engineer, Engineering, Gardener's Chronicle, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Hearth and Home, Illustrated London News, Iron and Coal Trades Review, Labour Leader, Labour News, Ladies' Pictorial, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, Local Government Officer, Machinery Market, Nature, Notes and Queries, Patent Office Journal, Phonetic Journal, Punch, Queen, Sanitary Record, Saturday Review, Science Siftings, Scientific American, Stage, Truth, Work, Workington News, Workington Star.

## FORTNIGHTLIES.

Common Cause, University Correspondent.

## MONTHLIES.

Agricultural Economist, Agricultural Record, Art Journal, Blackwood's Magazine, Bookman, Book Monthly, Boys' Own Paper, Chambers' Journal, Church Gazette, Contemporary Review, Cumulative Index and Readers' Guide, Engineering Magazine, Engineering Review, English Illustrated Magazine, Fortnightly Review, Free Sunday Advocate, Garden City Associations Magazine, Girls' Own Paper, Harper's Magazine, Herald of Health, Labour Gazette, Magazine of Commerce, Millgate Magazine, Musical Herald, National Review, New-Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, Nonconformist Musical Journal, Pall Mall Magazine, Patents, Printers' Register, Registrar General's, Return Deaths of Seamen, Review of Reviews, Southern Field (America), Strand Magazine, Vulcan, Woodworker, Zoophilist.

## QUARTERLIES.

Book Auction Records. Hibbert's Journal.

## RAILWAY AND TOURIST GUIDES.

Cambrian Rly., Caledonian Rly., Cleator and Workington Junction Rly., Furness Rly., Glasgow & South Western Rly., Great Northern Rly. of Ireland, Great Western Rly., Great North of Scotland Rly., Great Eastern Rly., Great Central Rly., Great Southern & Western Rly., Highland Rly., Isle of Man Tourist Guide, Lancashire & Yorkshire Rly., London and North Western Rly., London, Brighton and South Coast Rly., London & South Western Rly., Midland Rly., North British Rly., North Eastern Rly., South Eastern and Chatham Rly., Tyne Steam Shipping Co.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## REVENUE ACCOUNT for Year ended 31st March, 1909.

### INCOME.

| March 31st, 1909. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Borough Rate—1d. Rate on Assessment of £99,932, without any deductions for voids and irrecoverables .. .. | 416 | 7 | 8 |
| ,, Contribution from Harrington Urban Council .. .. .. .. | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Contribution from Stainburn Parish Council .. .. .. .. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Contribution from Education Committee for Books .. .. .. .. | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Contribution from Education Committee towards salary of extra Assistant .. | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Miscellaneous Receipts—Advertisements, Fines, Catalogues, Sales, &c., and Sundries .. .. .. .. .. | 10 | 18 | 2 |
| ,, Corporation—Use of Council Chamber.. | 16 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Contribution from County Council for Students beyond the Borough boundary | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Balance .. .. .. .. .. | **12** | **13** | **1** |
| | £531 | 8 | 11 |

### EXPENDITURE.

| March 31st, 1908. | £ | s. | d. |
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| To Balance overdrawn .. .. .. | **36** | **13** | **10** |
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| 16 | Philosophy .. | 25 | 18 | 25 | 21 | 15 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 23 | 13 | 11 | 19 | 193 |
| 22 | Religion .. .. | 20 | 27 | 26 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 15 | 18 | 39 | 230 |
| 22 | Sociology .. .. | 33 | 26 | 37 | 23 | 20 | 12 | 5 | 12 | 30 | 18 | 14 | 27 | 257 |
| 1 | Philology .. .. | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 24 |
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| 43 | Useful Arts .. .. | 49 | 53 | 49 | 41 | 52 | 29 | 12 | 26 | 39 | 26 | 33 | 60 | 469 |
| 88 | Fine Arts .. .. | 84 | 67 | 101 | 73 | 78 | 46 | 38 | 49 | 58 | 33 | 62 | 85 | 774 |
| 89 | *Belles Lettres*, Poetry and Drama .. .. | 99 | 64 | 92 | 60 | 58 | 40 | 22 | 42 | 54 | 32 | 57 | 95 | 715 |
| 224 | History, Travel and Biography .. .. | 198 | 166 | 197 | 160 | 141 | 95 | 55 | 127 | 170 | 105 | 135 | 192 | 1741 |
| 4880 | Fiction .. .. | 3839 | 3564 | 5131 | 4122 | 4028 | 3426 | 1900 | 3097 | 4414 | 3417 | 3680 | 4859 | 45477 |
| 630 | Juvenile .. .. | 3654 | 3043 | 3515 | 2870 | 3080 | 2239 | 1211 | 1503 | 2013 | 1599 | 2766 | 4589 | 32082 |
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Mr. John Wm. Cummings Purves.

## ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

Highest Possible—14 Meetings.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Hope | 14 | Mr. Warwick | 2 |
| Mr. Fraser | 9 | Mr. Potts | 1 |
| Mr. Mawson | 9 | Alderman Highton | 1 |
| Mr. Hepworth | 9 | Alderman Walls | 1 |
| Mr. Towers | 9 | Dr. Highet | 1 |
| Mr. Lewis | 9 | Mr. Walker | 1 |
| Alderman Harding | 8 | Mr. Casson | 1 |
| Mr. Bowerbank | 8 | Mr. Holmes | 0 |
| Mr. Valentine | 6 | Mr. Skerry | 0 |
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| Librarian & Secretary | Mr. J. W. Cummings Purves ... | October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistant ... | Miss E. J. Peat ... ... | October, 1900. |
| Senior Assistant ... | Miss M. Mc.Kay ... | July, 1905. |
| Junior Assistant ... | Miss E. Swinburn ... | February, 1907. |
| Janitor ... ... | Mr. G. Nicholson. ... | June, 1905. |

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## FORMER OFFICIALS.

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|---|---|---|
| First Librarian ... | Mr. W. E. Jones | August, 1891—October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistants | Mr. Albert Hunt | May, 1897—October, 1900. |
| | Miss S. J. Wood | October, 1900—June, 1907. |

# REPORT

OF THE

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

November, 1909—October, 1910.

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington.

Gentlemen,

The Library Committee present their Nineteenth Annual Report for the year ending October, 31st 1910. This report is the sixth issued since the new premises, provided at the expense of Andrew Carnegie, Esq., were opened in October, 1904.

The development of the Library both in stock and fittings, the former in particular, has been hindered owing to overdrafts against the Capital and Revenue Accounts of the New Library and Lecture Hall.

These overdrafts were due solely to making the Lecture Hall the size it is (seating over 500 people), and the scheme has proved a sound one. In order to augment the Library Income the Committee have let the Lecture Hall to a reliable tenant for a further period, provision having been made for the reservation of the Hall daily and one night per month for Special Lectures.

The attendance at the Library, as well as the number of books circulated, increases annually.

## Attendance and Issues.

The Reading Rooms are thronged all day long, the issue of books from the Lending Department has again broken all records. The increased annual circulation of books is shewn in the table appended. An extract from this table shews that at intervals of five years the issues have increased as follows :—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1895 ... | 28,087 vols. | 1905 ... | 64,205 vols. |
| 1900 ... | 42,538 ,, | 1910 ... | 87,487 ,, |

In 1909 the issue was 82,409 volumes, so there is an increase over the highest record of 5,078 volumes. Readers' Tickets are issued for a period of three years ; since October, 1908, 5,188 tickets have been issued and will all expire on October 31st, 1911.

The Lending Department now contains 10,276 volumes, the Reference and Magazine Departments 2,019 volumes, excluding Patent Office Publications and the Juvenile Department, 2,400 volumes. Total, 14,695 volumes.

## New Catalogue.

The principal event of the year has been the publication of a new complete Author and Title Catalogue of the Lending Department, and a new Juvenile Catalogue is to be published early in the new year.

The new Subject Catalogue for all departments will shortly be brought up-to-date ; typed upon cards and located in the drawers of the counter now fixed in the Borrowers' Hall.

The last complete Catalogue of the Library was published in 1897, and the need for a new edition has become imperative. The cost of this new Catalogue was £117, but, by arrangement with the printers, Messrs. W. H. Moss & Sons, Ltd., Workington,

the cost has been spread over a period of three years, while £80 has been obtained from advertisers. The new Catalogue of the Juvenile Department is estimated to cost from £30—40.

## Harrington Readers.

The agreement with the Urban District Council of Harrington, terminated on September 30th, 1910. This agreement, whereby in return for a subscription equivalent to a halfpenny rate on the District, we supplied books to all residents in Harrington, has been in force since 1897. In the eleven months ending September 30th, 1910, 172 tickets were in use and 5,859 volumes have been issued. These volumes were sent by carrier each week.

The Harrington Committee have now purchased a stock of books out of the surplus funds from the penny rate since 1897, and are working their Library themselves.

## Book Club.

The Subscription Department of this Library has not been so successful as hitherto, and its decline is attributed to one of both of the following reasons :—

Either the severe depression in the town has caused subscriptions to be diverted into other channels or the lack of employment has limited the resources of members and forced them to reduce their expenses.

Two years ago the Book Club Committee decided to spend a large proportion of the income in hiring books from a large circulating library, instead of purchasing copies outright. The idea was to obtain a more frequent exchange of books and greater choice in selection, but the number of subscribers diminished, instead of increased, so the scheme was not popular.

The objects of the Book Club are as follows :—

(*a*) To provide the more expensive and important works in current literature as well as fiction, and to keep them separate from the stock of books already in the Library, for the use of subscribers only, for the space of twelve months.

(*b*) To benefit the Public Library by transferring to the Library Stock every year, commencing November 1st, 1898, such volumes as have ceased to be in demand by the subscribers.

At the Annual Meeting held this year, it was decided to continue the Book Club and to hold Joint Monthly Meetings of Subscribers with the Library Book Selection Committee for the purchase and selection of books. The Club was re-organised on new lines, and a number of new subscribers have been enrolled for the year ending October, 1911.

## Staff.

The publication of these Catalogues has entailed much tedious work and overtime from the Library Staff in revising and proof reading, so as to keep the printers employed regularly in its compilation, and the work is considered a credit to both printers and staff.

No change has taken place in the *personnel* of the staff throughout the year, and they continue to give satisfaction.

The Librarian completes fifteen years' service, the Chief Assistant, whom we regret to state is resigning next month, with a more lucrative appointment in view, completes ten years' service ; the Senior and Junior Assistants have each over five and three years' service respectively, and the Janitor five years' service.

In conclusion, the Committee hope that the long period of unemployment and distress in the town will, ere the next report is presented, have become past history, that the income will steadily increase and that funds will be available to improve the Stock of Books, and that a representative selection of New Technical and Current Literature may be purchased to strengthen the various classes of books that at present are small in number.

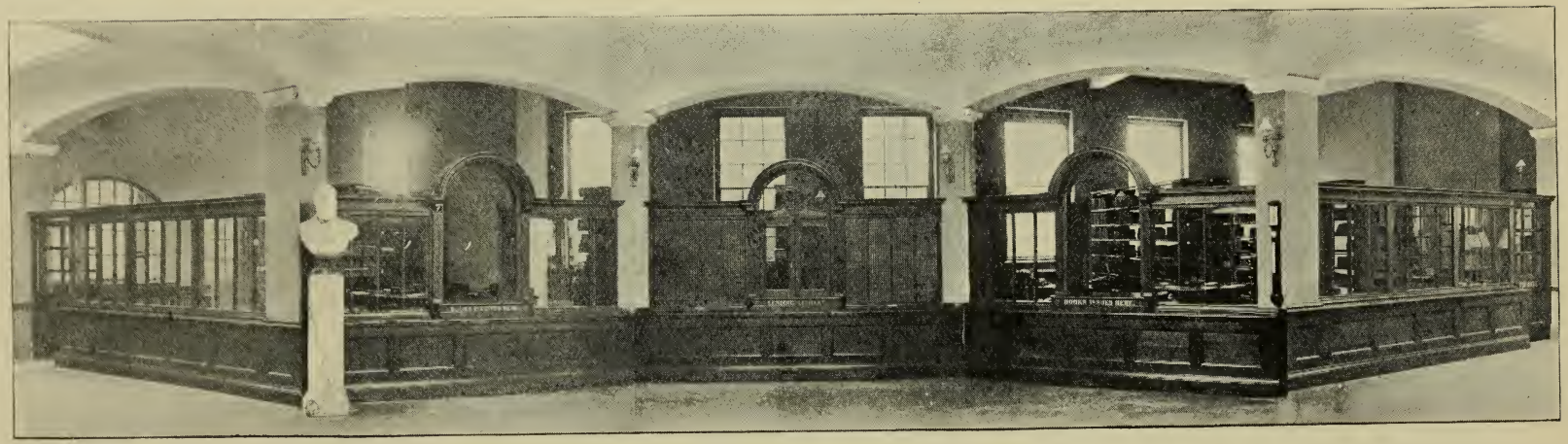
(*Signed*),

WM. LEITCH, *Mayor.*

JAMES POTTS, } *Vice-Chairmen.*
DONALD FRASER, }

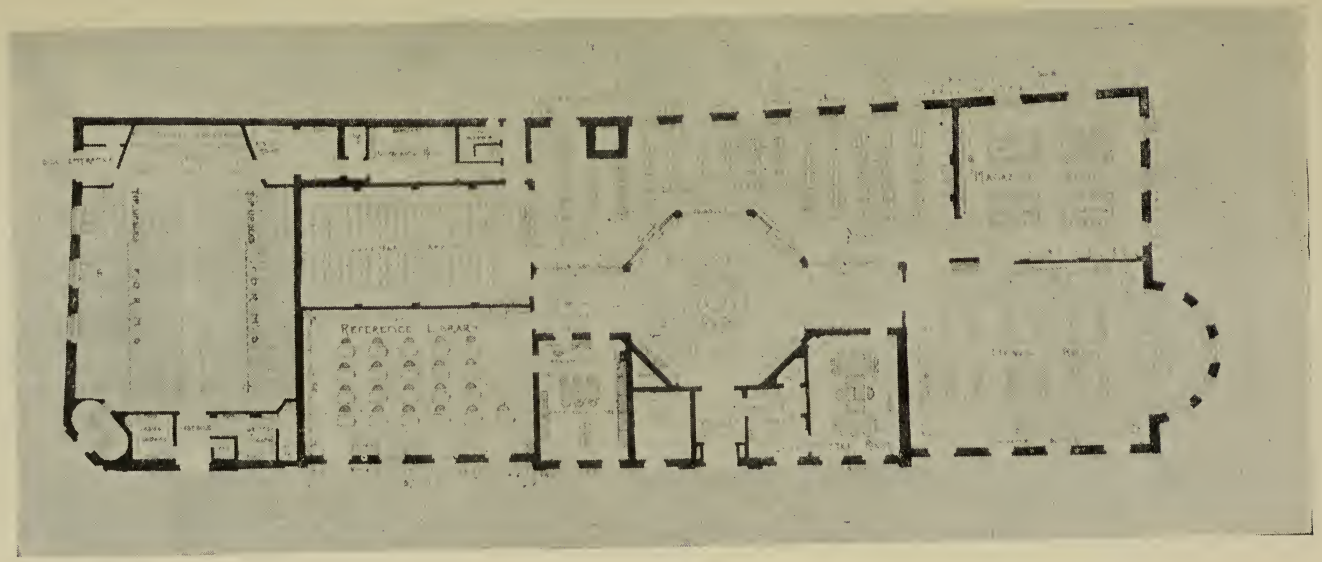
J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES, *Secretary.*

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.



BORROWERS' HALL.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.




PLAN OF INTERIOR.

# *List of Donations, 1909-1910.*

Anderton, Basil M.A., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
List of Books on "Heraldry and Genealogy" ... ... 1

Beatty, Miss M., John Street, Workington.
An Apprentice.
Heartsease Seed.

Booth, Mr. Bramwell, Salvation Army, London, E.C.
"The Great Idea" ... ... ... ... ... 1

British Museum, Trustees of ... ... ... ... ... 8
Catalogue of the Lepidoptera Phalænae. Vol. viii.
Hand List of Birds. Vol. v.
Memorials of Chas. Darwin.
Catalogue of Moths. Vol. ix.
Catalogue of Orthoptera. Vol. iii.
Catalogue of British Chalcididœ.
Guide to British Vertebrates.
Guide to Crustacea.

Burgoyne, F. G., Esq., The Tate Library, Brixton Oval, London, S.W.
"Bacon is Shakespeare" ... ... ... ... 3

Commonwealth of Australia, per the Agent-General.
Australia To-day, 1909 and 1910.
Commonwealth Annual Review, 1909.
Handbook of Australia.
Official Year Book, 1901—1908... ... ... ... 5

Cumberland Education Committee, per C. C. Hodgson, Esq.
Minutes of Committee. Vol. 7. 1909—10.
First and Second Annual Reports, 1903—4; 1904—5.

'Daily News, Ltd." 19—22, Bouverie Street, London, E.C.
"Daily News Year Book," 1910 ... ... ... 1

Denwood, J. M., Kirkgate, Cockermouth.
Canny Auld Cumberland ... ... ... ... 1

Emigrants' Information Office, Emigration Circulars.

Fletcher, W. L., Esq., Stoneleigh, Workington.
Volumes for Juvenile Department ... ... ... 21

## List of Donations, 1909-1910—*continued.*

Fryer, A. C., Ph. D., F.S.A., Eaton Crescent, Clifton, Bristol.
"Aidan, the Apostle of England" ... ... ... 2

Gelling, F. H., Johnson Street, Notting Hill Gate, London, W.
Handbook of the British College of Physical Education, 1910—11 1

Iredale, Thos., Esq., Workington: Journals—Iron and Steel Institute
No. 102, 1909, and List of Members.
Carnegie Scholarship Memoirs. Vols. 1 and 2. 1909—10. 4

Jannaway, F. G., Esq., London, S.W.
"Christendom Astray" ... ... ... ... 1

Lewin, Joseph, Esq., The Bridges, Douglas.
"Mona's Records of the Earth's Changes. ... ... 1

MacDonald, Messrs. Wm & Co., Ltd., Edinburgh.
English Directory and Gazetteer, 1910. ... ... ... 2

Mewburn, Ellis & Pryor, Messrs, 70—72, Chancery Lane, W.C.
Grocery and Provision Trades Year Book and Directory of
"Food" Trade Marks and Brands ... ... ... 1

Mothersill, Miss, Warwick Place, Workington.
,' Dorothy's Story" ... ... ... ... ... 1

National Union of Teachers, per the Secretary.
Report for 1910, and List of Members, 1909 ... ... 1

Paton, Messrs. J. & J., 143, Cannon Street, London, E.C.
Guide to Continental Schools, 1910.
List of Schools and Tutors, 1910 ... ... ... 2

"Peace Society," 47, New Broad Street, London, E.C.
Speech by Andrew Carnegie, L.L.D.
War as the mother of Valor and Civilization ... ... 5

Town and County Directories, Ltd., Edinburgh.
Cumberland and Westmorland Trades' Directory, 1909—10 1

University Tutorial Press, per the Editor.
London University Guide and University Correspondence
College Calendar, 1911... ... ... ... ... 1

Library Catalogues, Bulletins, and Journals:—
Barrow-in-Furness, Hackney, Middlesbrough, Sunderland. 4

## List of Donations, 1909-1910—*continued*

Library Reports:

Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor. Barrow-in-Furness, Batley, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bromley, Bury, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chicago, Chorley, Colchester, Croydon, Darwen, Derby, Dewsbury, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Gateshead, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hartlepool, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Ilkley, Keighley, Kettering, Kidderminster, Leicester, Lincoln, Loughborough, Manchester, Massachusetts, Nelson, New York, Nottingham, Penarth, Perth, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence, Rhode Island, Richmond, Surrey, Saffron Walden, South Shields, Todmorden, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Waterloo-with-Seaforth, Watford, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Westminster, Wigan, Windsor, Worcester, York.

# *Newspapers and Periodicals.*

## DAILIES.

Daily Dispatch, Daily Mail, Daily News, Telegraph, Freeman's Journal, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury, Manchester Guardian, North Mail, Sheffield Telegraph, Shipping Gazette, Times, Yorkshire Post.

## BI-WEEKLIES.

Carlisle Journal, West Cumberland Times.

## WEEKLIES.

Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, Arms and Explosives, Athletic News, Athenæum, Bazaar, Exchange and Mart, Board of Trade Journal, British Architect, Canada, Canadian Gazette, Carpenter and Builder Catholic Times, Chemical Trade Contractors' Record Journal, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Weekly, Clarion, Co-operative News, Electrical Engineer, Engineering, The Garden, Gardener's Chronicle, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Hearth and Home, Illustrated London News, Iron and Coal Trades Review, Labour Leader, Labour News, Ladies' Pictorial, Local Government Officer, Machinery Market, Nature, Notes and Queries, Patent Office Journal, Phonetic Journal, Punch, Queen, Sanitary Record, Saturday Review, Science Siftings, Scientific American, Stage, Truth, Work, Workington News, Workington Star.

## FORTNIGHTLIES.

Common Cause, University Correspondent.

## MONTHLIES.

Agricultural Economist, Agricultural Record, Art Journal, Blackwood's Magazine, Bookman, Book Monthly, Boys' Own Paper, Canadian Municipal Journal, Chambers' Journal, Church Gazette, Contemporary Review, Cumulative Index and Readers' Guide, Engineering Magazine, Engineering Review, English Illustrated Magazine, Fortnightly Review, Free Sunday Advocate, Garden City Associations Magazine, Girls' Own Paper, Harper's Magazine, Herald of Health, Labour Gazette, Magazine of Commerce, Millgate Magazine, Musical Herald, National Review, New-Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, Nonconformist Musical Journal, Pall Mall Magazine, Patents, Printers' Register, Registrar General's Return-Deaths of Seamen Review of Reviews, Southern Field (America), Strand Magazine, Vulcan, Woodworker, Zoophilist.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—*continued.*

## QUARTERLIES.

Book Auction Records. Hibbert's Journal.

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## RAILWAY AND TOURIST GUIDES.

Cambrian Rly., Caledonian Rly., Cleator and Workington Junction Rly., Furness Rly., Glasgow & South Western Rly., Great Northern Rly. of Ireland, Great Western Rly., Great North of Scotland Rly., Great Eastern Rly., Great Central Rly., Great Southern & Western Rly., Highland Rly., Isle of Man Tourist Guide, Lancashire & Yorkshire Rly., London and North Western Rly., London, Brighton and South Coast Rly., London & South Western Rly., Midland Rly., North British Rly., North Eastern Rly., South Eastern & Chatham Rly., Tyne Steam Shipping Co.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## REVENUE ACCOUNT for Year ended 31st March, 1910.

### INCOME.

| March 31st, 1909. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Borough Rate—1d Rate on Assessment of £99,932, without any deductions for voids and irrecoverables ... ... | 415 | 7 | 8 |
| ,, Contribution from Harrington Urban Council ... ... ... ... ... | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Contribution from Stainburn Parish Council ... ... ... ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Contribution from Education Committee for Books ... ... ... ... | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Contribution from Education Committee towards salary of extra Assistant ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Miscellaneous Receipts—Advertisements, Fines, Catalogues, Sales, &c., and Sundries ... ... ... ... ... | 12 | 11 | 2 |
| ,, Corporation—Use of Council Chamber... | 16 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Contribution from County Council for Students beyond the Borough boundary | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Catalogue—Book Club ... ... ... | 6 | 12 | 10 |
| ,, Balance ... ... ... ... ... | **12** | **10** | **3** |
| | £528 | 11 | 11 |

### EXPENDITURE.

| March 31st, 1909. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance overdrawn ... ... ... | **12** | **13** | |
| March 31st, 1910. | | | |
| To Salaries—Librarian, Assistants, and Caretaker ... ... ... ... ... | 246 | 6 | 9 |
| ,, Newspapers and Periodicals ... ... | 43 | 18 | 0 |
| ,, New Books and Replacements ... ... | 61 | 17 | 1 |
| ,, Binding ... ... ... ... ... | 43 | 15 | 5 |
| ,, Printing, Advertising, &c. ... ... | 26 | 15 | 10 |
| ,, Repairs and Sundries ... ... ... | 48 | 17 | 11 |
| ,, Insurance ... ... ... ... | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Carriages—Books to and from Harrington | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Petty Disbursements per Librarian ... | 14 | 1 | 2 |
| ,, Fuel per Gas Works (two-thirds) ... | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| | £528 | 11 | 11 |

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## *Classified List of Issues, November 10th, 1909—October 31st, 1910, inclusive.*

| Sent to Har'gtn. | Class. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Classs Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | Miscellaneous ... | 23 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 17 | 91 |
| 8 | Philosophy ... ... | 14 | 11 | 17 | 23 | 18 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 18 | 6 | 14 | 13 | 153 |
| 23 | Religion ... ... | 27 | 11 | 16 | 19 | 13 | 20 | 9 | 17 | 20 | 11 | 15 | 13 | 191 |
| 34 | Sociology ... ... | 23 | 18 | 19 | 27 | 29 | 22 | 4 | 13 | 22 | 18 | 17 | 21 | 233 |
| 0 | Philology ... ... | 4 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 19 |
| 18 | Natural Science ... | 32 | 22 | 26 | 41 | 24 | 32 | 11 | 24 | 24 | 28 | 23 | 26 | 314 |
| 26 | Useful Arts ... ... | 45 | 42 | 36 | 61 | 53 | 37 | 10 | 21 | 44 | 28 | 35 | 34 | 446 |
| 36 | Fine Arts ... ... | 64 | 42 | 68 | 72 | 80 | 52 | 30 | 50 | 61 | 47 | 59 | 61 | 686 |
| 55 | *Belles Lettres*, Poetry and Drama ... | 71 | 52 | 65 | 84 | 69 | 70 | 22 | 33 | 31 | 30 | 36 | 48 | 611 |
| 245 | History, Travel and Biography ... ... | 140 | 109 | 148 | 172 | 155 | 132 | 52 | 91 | 127 | 69 | 112 | 127 | 1434 |
| 5098 | Fiction ... ... | 4084 | 3628 | 5235 | 4727 | 4210 | 4095 | 1574 | 3322 | 4368 | 3347 | 3829 | 4682 | 47101 |
| 302 | Juvenile ... ... | 3972 | 3274 | 4108 | 4288 | 3789 | 2979 | 772 | 2051 | 2309 | 1484 | 3049 | 4133 | 36208 |
| 5859 | Monthly Totals ... | 8499 | 7216 | 9747 | 9530 | 8447 | 7455 | 2486 | 5636 | 7026 | 5075 | 7194 | 9176 | 87487 |

Total Issues of previous years

1894-5 :—28,087 vols.
1895-6 :—40,679 vols.
1896-7 :—40,618 vols.
1897-8 :—47,588 vols.
1898-99 :—39,839 vols.
1899-00 :—42,538 vols.
1900-01 :—47,277 vols.
1901-02 :—50,895 vols.
1902-03 :—52,836 vols.
1903-04 :—53,266 vols.
*1904-05 :—52,186 vols.
1905-06 :—64,205 vols.
1906-07 :—65,916 vols.
†1907-08 :—62,406 vols.
1908-09 :—82,409 vols.
1909-10 :—87,487 vols.

*No Juvenile Books or Tickets issued or used in 1904-05.

†Closed Two Months (March and April, 1908).

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# Borough of Workington.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

# REPORT

—OF—

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

November 1st, 1910, to October 31st, 1911.

WORKINGTON:

PRINTED BY W. H. MOSS AND SONS LTD., 49, POW STREET.

1911.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CARNEGIE HALL.

ELEVATIONS TO FINKLE STREET AND VULCAN'S LANE.

# Borough of Workington.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

# REPORT

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1911.

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington, in the County of Cumberland, the sum of £ : : , free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Library of the above Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and better equipment of the Institution.

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Donations of Books, Pictures, Statuary, or Art Collections of any kind, forwarded to the Borough Librarian, will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

# LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

*Chairman* :

His Worship the Mayor (Alderman R. E. Highton, J.P.)

*Vice-Chairmen* :

James Potts, Esq. Donald Fraser, Esq.

*Members of Committee* :

Alderman Jas. Duffield, J.P.
Alderman J. Harding, J.P.
Councillor L. Casson.
Councillor W. Holmes.
Councillor S. Kennaugh.
Councillor D. Lewis.
Councillor J. Mc.Mullen.
Councillor G. A. L. Skerry.
Councillor B. Towers, J.P.
Councillor G. Valentine.
Councillor C. H. Walker.
J. Bowerbank, Esq.
E. J. Hepworth, Esq.
J. Highet, Esq., M.D., J.P.
John Hope, Esq.
Thos. Iredale, Esq., J.P.
E. W. Mawson, Esq.
J. Warwick, Esq.
R. Williamson, Esq.
R. H. Williamson, Esq.

*Secretary and Librarian* :

Mr. John Wm. Cummings Purves.

## ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

Highest Possible—14 Meetings.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Hope | 14 | The Mayor | 3 |
| Mr. Fraser | 10 | Alderman Leitch | 2 |
| Mr. Hepworth | 8 | Mr. Owen | 2 |
| Mr. Warwick | 7 | Mr. Bowerbank | 2 |
| Mr. Mawson | 7 | Mr. Walker | 1 |
| Mr. Mc.Mullen | 7 | Alderman Duffield | 0 |
| Mr. Casson | 7 | Mr. Holmes | 0 |
| Mr. Towers | 5 | Mr. Skerry | 0 |
| Mr. Lewis | 5 | Dr. Highet | 0 |
| Alderman Harding | 3 | Mr. Iredale | 0 |
| Mr. Kennaugh | 3 | Mr. Potts | 0 |
| Mr. Valentine | 3 | Messrs. Williamson | 0 |

# *DATA.*

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| Public Libraries Act Adopted ... ... | December, 1889. |
| Newsroom Opened ... ... ... ... | July 31st, 1890. |
| Lending and Reference Library Opened ... | November 2nd, 1891. |
| Half-Holiday Movement Adopted ... ... ... | May 13th, 1892. |
| Mr. Andrew Carnegie's Gift of £7,500 for the building of a New Public Library announced | June 5th, 1902. |
| Town Council give Site in Finkle Street for New Library ... ... ... ... ... | September 2nd, 1902. |
| Messrs. Jas. I. Wilson & Co., Builders, Tender for the erection of the New Library accepted | May 25th, 1903. |
| Memorial Stone laid by the Mayor ... ... | September 10th, 1903. |
| Library and Lecture Hall Opened ... ... | October 6th, 1904. |

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Population of Borough (1911)—25,099.

Area of Borough, 2,244 Acres. Rateable Value, £101,221.

Library Rate Levied, 1d. in the Pound.

Amount Received from the 1d. Rate, £382 0s. 0d.

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# *STAFF.*

| | | Appointed. |
|---|---|---|
| Librarian & Secretary | Mr. J. W. Cummings Purves ... | October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistant ... | Miss M. Mc.Kay ... | July, 1905. |
| Senior Assistant ... | Miss E. Swinburn ... | February, 1907 |
| Junior Assistant ... | Miss A. Johnstone | December, 1910. |
| Janitor ... ... | Mr. G. Nicholson ... | June 1905. |

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## FORMER OFFICIALS.

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| First Librarian ... | Mr. W. E. Jones | August, 1891—October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistants ... | Mr. Albert Hunt | May, 1897—October, 1900. |
| | Miss S. J. Wood | October, 1900—June, 1907. |
| | Miss E. J. Peat | October, 1900—December, 1910. |

# REPORT

OF THE

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

November, 1910—October, 1911.

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington.

Gentlemen,

The Library Committee present their Twentieth Annual Report for the year ending October 31st, 1911. The Library was first opened for the issue of books in November, 1891, and the new premises provided by Andrew Carnegie, Esq., who gave the sum of £7,500 therefor, were opened on October 6th, 1904.

The Library celebrates its Twentieth Anniversary this year by reporting that all overdrafts against the Capital and Furnishing Accounts have been cleared off. The Revenue Account is also in a satisfactory condition, but the same cannot be said of the condition of the books in stock.

The increasing circulation has caused heavy wear and tear among the most popular books, and up to the present sufficient funds have not been available for replacing a large number of books that are in a dirty or worn-out condition.

The Lecture Hall has been let for another period, and the rent, in addition to the penny rate, contributes to the income. A new complete installation of Electrical Plant for lighting the Hall has been erected recently at the

joint expense of the Committee and the tenant—Mr. Stanley Rogers. This plant will be the means of reducing the consumption of gas in the Hall considerably, and is expected to recoup the initial expense within three years, after which the whole plant becomes the property of the Corporation.

The Revenue from the Hall—subject to the Committee's liability for the installation—will be available for the purchase of new books, replacements, and re-binding.

## Attendances and Issues.

The Reading Rooms have been exceptionally well patronised. In the summer season the daily visits were estimated at 400, and during the winter months were not less than 600.

Borrowing from the Library was well maintained, 72,144 volumes having been issued. This compares favourably with the record established last year, viz:—87,478 volumes. Included in these figures were 5,857 vols. sent to Harrington, and 36,208 Juvenile Books issued at the Library. The arrangement with the Harrington Urban District Council, to supply books to residents, which has existed since 1897, terminated on September 30th, 1910.

The Juvenile Department was closed in 1910 from July—September inclusive, and the books called in while a new system of issuing the books under the supervision of tne Head Teachers at the fourteen schools in the Borough was arranged,

The total Juvenile issue was 25,162 volumes. The new readers' tickets issued to Juvenile readers number 1,230.

The new system of issuing the Juvenile books will reduce the wear and tear on the books, and will probably more than double the issues during the ensuing year. Mr. Wynn-Williams, H.M. Inspector of Schools, has written complimenting the Committee, stating—" The arrangements which have been

made seem to be admirable and solves one of the greatest difficulties from which Elementary Schools have suffered." He hopes to have an opportunity of inspecting the working of the system and the Library shortly.

The total number of tickets issued for the three years ending October 31st, 1911, was 5,276. New tickets are now being issued for a further period of three years, ending October 31st, 1914. To date, 1,384 adult tickets have been renewed, and 1,230 Juvenile ; total, 2,614 readers.

### Annual Stocktaking.

The Annual Stocktaking, which now takes place from May 1st to 15th, showed that the number of books in the Library, excluding Patent Office publications and pamphlets, totalled 13,483 volumes, an increase over the previous year of 872 volumes. The stock in the various departments is as follows :—Lending Library, 8,849 volumes ; increase, 363 volumes. Juvenile Library, 2,663 volumes ; increase, 486 volumes. Reference Library, 1,971 volumes ; increase, 23 volumes.

The number of books to re-bind was 1,362, and the cost was estimated at £86, since the Stocktaking £45 has been expended on re-binding. Worn out and dirty books numbered 1,103, and the cost to replace them would be £260. In the estimates of expenditure for the year, £50 was allowed for this work.

Two volumes were reported missing from the Reference Department, viz. : Hutchinson's "Excursion to the Lakes," and Wheatley's "Bonnie Prince Charlie in Cumberland," value £1 7s. ; and one volume from the Lending Library : "Mr. Strudge," a novel by Percy White, value 4/-.

## New Catalogues.

The publication of a new complete Author and Fiction Catalogue of the Library has been much appreciated by readers. The edition consisted of 1,500 copies. This catalogue combined in one alphabet all the books in the Lending Department, and replaced all the seven older catalogues and lists published since 1893.

The Juvenile Catalogue has also been compiled and published this year. It contains all the books presented to this Department and purchased out of Annual Grants from the County and Local Education Committees. The number of books entered in the Catalogue is 3,363, arranged under Author, Title and Subject. The edition numbered 1,000 copies, the majority of which have been distributed amongst the various schools for sale at twopence per copy. The Subject Catalogue has not yet been completed, but an additional set of ten drawers to contain the typewritten cards for books on each subject have been purchased and fitted in the counter in the Borrower's Hall.

## Book Club.

The continued severe depression in the town has told its tale in a reduced list of Subscribers to the Book Club. During the last eighteen months, either by death or removals, some of our oldest members have been lost. The Book Club year ended September 30th, 1911, and 37 members paid subscriptions amounting to £17 10s. 6d.

A special list of 730 volumes added to the Library and Book Club, during the past year, is about to be published and circulated with a view to increasing the membership.

## Staff.

The resignation of Miss E. J. Peat, Chief Assistant, who secured a senior position in the Middlesborough Public Library, caused a re-arrangement of the Staff. Miss Maggie Mc.Kay, became Chief Assistant, Miss Eleanor Swinburne, Senior Assistant, and Miss Alice Johnstone, was appointed Junior Assistant to assist in the Juvenile Department by repairing books and supplying the various schools.

In conclusion, the Committee record their satisfaction that the financial affairs of the Library are now satisfactory, and that they will during the ensuing year be able to expend a greater proportion of their income in the purchase of new books.

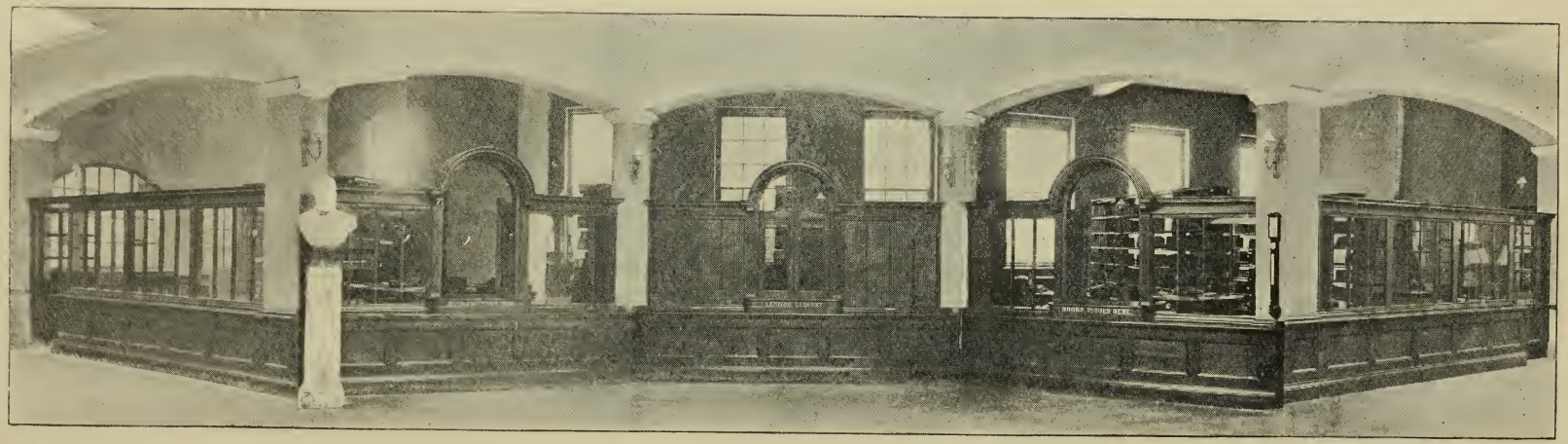
(*Signed*),

R. E. HIGHTON, *Mayor and Chairman.*

JAMES POTTS,
DONALD FRASER, } *Vice-Chairmen.*

J. WM. CUMMINGS PURVES, *Secretary.*

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.



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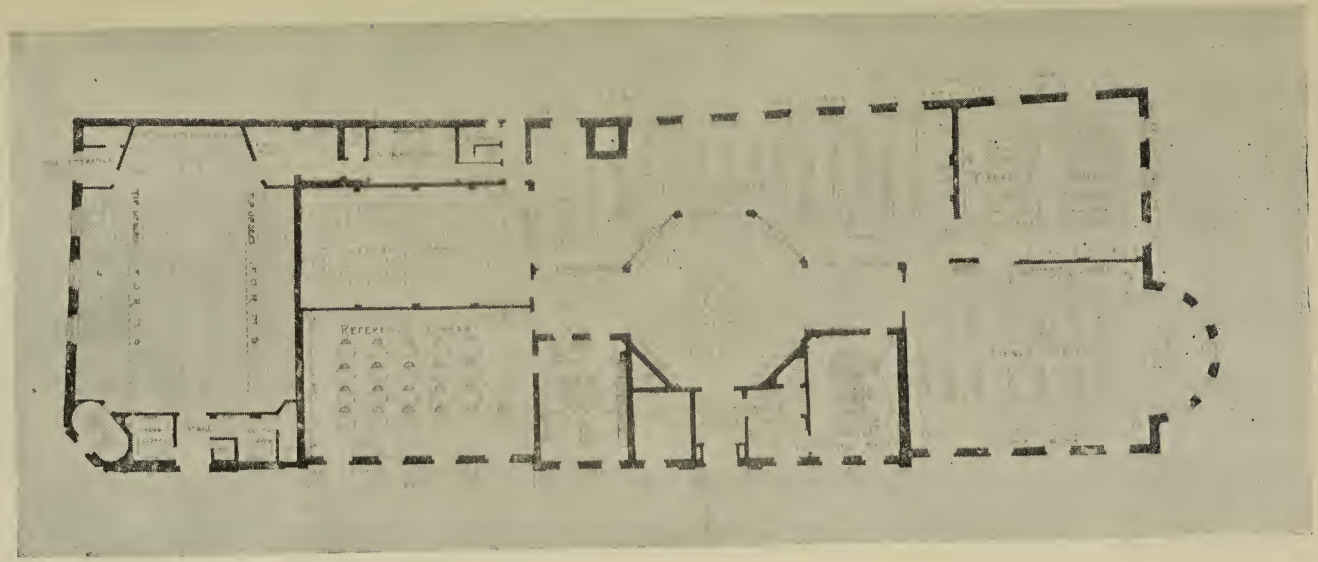

PLAN OF INTERIOR.

# *List of Donations, 1910-1911.*

Australia, Commonwealth of, per the Agent-General.

"Official Year Book," 1911: Statistics for Period 1901-10.

"Australia of To-day," 1911—*Illustrated.*

—— Victoria, Colony of. Department of Agriculture.

Journal of the Department. Vol. 9. 1911 ... 3

British Government.

BOARD OF TRADE: Labour Gazette. Vol. 18—19. 1910-11 2

———— Journal, Quarterly. Vols. 68-75 A.D. 1910-11 ... ... ... 8

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

Leaflets. Nos. 1—259 ... ... 3

PATENT OFFICE: Official Journals, Illustrations, Abridgements, and Indexes.

British Museum Trustees.

Catalogue of the Library of the British Museum.

Catalogue of the Marine Reptiles of the Oxford Clay, Part 1.

Guide to Mr. Worthington Smith's Drawings, &c.

Catalogue of Lepidoptera Phalænae. Vol. 4.

Handbook of Tsetse-Flies ... ... ... ... 6

Canadian Government. Canadian Year Book, 1911, per High Commissioner.

—— Department of Lands, Forests and Mines.

Toronto, Ontario, per Thos. W. Gibson, Deputy Minister.

Annual Reports of the Ontario Bureau of Mines. Vols. 13-20. A.D. 1904-1911. 7 Vols.

—— Department of Agriculture, per Wm. Saunders, Director.

Reports on the Experimental Farms. 1910-11. 2 Vols.

Cumberland County Council, per C. C. Hodgson, Esq.

Minutes of Council and Committees, 1911 ... ... 1

## List of Donations, 1910-1911—*continued.*

Cumberland Education Committee.

Seventh Annual Report, 1909-1910.

Minutes of Committees and Sub-Committees, Vol. 8, 1910-11 2

Emigrants' Information Office, Emigrants' Circulars.

Fletcher, W. L., Esq., Stoneleigh, Workington.

"Lawrence Clavering," by A. E. W. Mason.

"On the Face of the Waters," by F. A. Steel ... ... 2

International Arbitration League, per the Secretary.

Invasion and Conscription, by J. A. Farrer ... ... 1

Iredale, Thos., Esq., Workington: Journals—Iron & Steel Institute. Vols. 82-3, 1911.

Carnegie Scholarship Memoirs. Vol. 3, 1911 ... ... 3

Kitto, Frederick, Esq., Workington.

"British Flora," by George Bentham ... ... ... 1

Lawson, Sir Wilfred, M.P.

Parliamentary Debates, House of Commons.

Official Reports: Fifth Series. Vols. 27-30. 1911 ... 4

Weekly Edition.

Manchester Public Library Committee.

Biographical Guide to Gaskell Collection... ... ... 1

Moss Side Library.

National Provincial Trades' Directory, per the Publisher ... 1

National Union of Teachers, Report for 1911. ... ... ... 1

Paton, Messrs. J. & J., 143, Cannon Street, London, E.C.

Guide to Continental Schools, 1911 ... ... ... 1

List of Schools and Tutors, 1911 ... ... ... 1

Porter's Guide to the Manufacturers and Shippers of Ireland ... 1

Stubb's Directory, per the Publisher. ... ... ... ... 1

Swedenborg Society, Transactions of the International Congress ... 1

## List of Donations, 1910-1911—*continued.*

Town and County Directories, Ltd., Edinburgh.

Cumberland and Westmorland Trades' Directory, 1911 ... 1

University Tutorial Press, per the Editor.

London University Guide and University Correspondence College Calendar, 1911 ... ... ... ... 1

Library Reports:

Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor.

Barrow-in-Furness, Barry, Batley, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bury.

Cambridge, Cardiff, Chorley, Cork, Croydon.

Darlington, Darwen, Derby, Dewsbury, Dundee.

Ealing, Eccles, Gateshead, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth.

Hammersmith, Harlesden, Hartlepool, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield.

Keighley, Kettering, Kidderminster.

Leeds, Leicester, Lincoln, Loughborough.

Manchester, Nelson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Penarth, Perth, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond.

Saffron-Walden, Salford, St. Helens, South Shields, Sunderland, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Waterloo-with-Seaforth, Watford, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Westminster, Whitehaven, Wigan, Wolverhampton, York.

American and Colonial Libraries:

Providence, New York, Salem.

# *Newspapers and Periodicals.*

## DAILIES.

Daily Dispatch, Daily Mail, Daily News, Telegraph, Freeman's Journal, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury, Manchester Guardian, North Mail, Sheffield Telegraph, Shipping Gazette, Times, Yorkshire Post.

## BI-WEEKLIES.

Carlisle Journal, West Cumberland Times.

## WEEKLIES.

Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, Arms and Explosives, Athletic News, Athenæum, Bazaar, Exchange and Mart, Board of Trade Journal, British Architect, Canada, Canadian Gazette, Canadian Mail, Carpenter and Builder, Catholic Times, Chemical Trade Journal, Contractors' Record, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Weekly, Clarion, Co-operative News, Electrical Engineer, Engineering, The Garden, Gardener's Chronicle, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Hearth and Home, Illustrated London News, Iron and Coal Trades Review, Labour Leader, Labour News, Ladies' Pictorial, Local Government Officer, Machinery Market, Nature, Notes and Queries, Patent Office Journal, Phonetic Journal, Punch, Queen, Sanitary Record, Saturday Review, Science Siftings, Scientific American, Stage, Standard of Empire, Truth, Work, Workington News, Workington Star.

## FORTNIGHTLIES.

Common Cause, University Correspondent.

## MONTHLIES.

Agricultural Economist, Agricultural Record, Art Journal, Blackwood's Magazine, Bookman, Book Monthly, Boys' Own Paper, Canadian Municipal Journal, Chambers' Journal, Church Gazette, Contemporary Review, Cumulative Index and Readers' Guide, Engineering Magazine, Engineering Review, English Illustrated Magazine, Fortnightly Review,

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—*continued.*

Free Sunday Advocate, Garden City Associations Magazine, Girls' Own Paper, Harper's Magazine, Herald of Health, Labour Gazette, Magazine of Commerce, Millgate Magazine, Musical Herald, National Review, New-Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, Nonconformist Musical Journal, Pall Mall Magazine, Patents, Printers' Register, Registrar General's Return-Deaths of Seamen, Review of Reviews, Southern Field (America), Strand Magazine, Vulcan, Woodworker, Zoophilist.

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## QUARTERLIES.

Book Auction Records. Hibbert's Journal.

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## RAILWAY AND TOURIST GUIDES.

Cambrian Rly., Caledonian Rly., Cleator and Workington Junction Rly., Furness Rly., Glasgow & South Western Rly., Great Northern Rly. of Ireland, Great Western Rly., Great North of Scotland Rly., Great Eastern Rly., Great Central Rly., Great Southern & Western Rly., Highland Rly., Isle of Man Tourist Guide, Lancashire & Yorkshire Rly., London and North Western Rly., London, Brighton and South Coast Rly., London & South Western Rly., Midland Rly., North British Rly., North Eastern Rly., South Eastern & Chatham Rly., Tyne Steam Shipping Co.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC LIBRARY AND LECTURE HALL REVENUE ACCOUNT for Year ended 31st March, 1911.

### INCOME.

| March 31st, 1910. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Borough Rate—1d. Rate on Assessment of £101,221, after making deductions for voids and irrecoverables ... ... ... | 382 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Contribution from Harrington Urban Council for half-year ending September 30th, 1911 ... ... ... ... ... | 12 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Contribution from Stainburn Parish Council | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Contribution from County Council for Students beyond the Borough Boundary and for Technical Books ... ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Contribution from Workington Education Committee for Juvenile Books ... ... | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Contribution from Workington Education Committee towards Salary of Assistant in Juvenile Department ... ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Corporation—Use of Council Chamber ... | 16 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Miscellaneous Receipts—Fines, Catalogues, Sale of Papers, &c., and Sundries ... | 15 | 5 | 10 | | | |
| ,, Advertisements in New Catalogue ... ... | 40 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 506 | 13 | 10 |
| ,, Lecture Hall—Rents for Letting, &c., to March 31st, 1911 ... ... ... ... | ... | | | 282 | 19 | 9 |
| ,, Balance ... ... ... ... ... | ... | | | 44 | 7 | 1 |
| | | | | £834 | 0 | 8 |

Sighed,
JOHN NOBLE,
Borough Treasurer.

### EXPENDITURE.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT: | | | | | | |
| March 31st, 1910. | | | | | | |
| To Balance overdrawn ... ... ... ... ... | | | | 12 | 10 | 3 |
| March 31st, 1911. | | | | | | |
| ,, Salaries—Librarian, Assistants, and Caretaker (proportion) ... ... ... ... | 189 | 19 | 2 | | | |
| ,, New Books and Replacements ... ... | 137 | 6 | 11 | | | |
| ,, Re-Binding ... ... ... ... ... | 29 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Newspapers and Periodicals ... ... | 44 | 10 | 10 | | | |
| ,, Printing, Stationery and Advertising ... | 14 | 7 | 7 | | | |
| ,, Do. New Author Catalogue (one-third cost) ... ... ... ... | 44 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| ,, New Fittings, Repairs and Alterations ... | 32 | 7 | 7 | | | |
| ,, Furnishing Account—Amount written off to close Account ... ... ... ... | 3 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Painting and Decorating ... ... ... | 13 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Insurance ... ... ... ... ... | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Fuel per Gas Works (proportion) ... ... | 9 | 16 | 5 | | | |
| ,, Carriage—Books to Harrington ... ... | 2 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Petty Disbursements per Librarian ... | 11 | 8 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | 538 | 10 | 8 |
| LECTURE HALL ACCOUNT: | | | | | | |
| To Gas Account ... ... ... ... ... | 27 | 10 | 1 | | | |
| ,, Rates, Taxes and Licences ... ... ... | 22 | 15 | 10 | | | |
| ,, Secretary's and Janitor's fees, Cleaning, &c. | 24 | 17 | 4 | | | |
| ,, Salaries (proportion) ... ... ... ... | 57 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Insurance ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Piano Hire and Tuning ... ... ... | 13 | 16 | 6 | | | |
| ,, Furniture, Repairs and Alterations ... | 26 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| ,, Fuel per Gas Works (proportion) ... ... | 9 | 16 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | 183 | 17 | 4 |
| FURNISHING ACCOUNT: | | | | | | |
| To Profit on Lecture Hall carried to credit of Furnishing Account to close same ... | 99 | 2 | 5 | | | |
| | | | | 99 | 2 | 5 |
| | | | | £834 | 0 | 8 |

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## *Classified List of Issues, November 10th, 1910—October 31st, 1911, inclusive.*

| Class. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Class Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miscellaneous ... ... ... | 12 | 21 | 24 | 14 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 105 |
| Philosophy ... ... ... ... | 9 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 8 | 8 | 21 | 8 | 15 | 11 | 135 |
| Religion ... ... ... ... | 13 | 18 | 8 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 13 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 130 |
| Sociology ... ... ... ... | 15 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 21 | 15 | 9 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 14 | 20 | 187 |
| Philology ... ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 17 |
| Natural Science ... ... ... | 31 | 25 | 27 | 29 | 21 | 29 | 10 | 16 | 25 | 20 | 19 | 25 | 277 |
| Useful Arts ... ... ... ... | 45 | 35 | 30 | 41 | 41 | 44 | 11 | 19 | 46 | 34 | 54 | 46 | 446 |
| Fine Arts ... ... ... ... | 52 | 59 | 67 | 67 | 86 | 68 | 18 | 24 | 36 | 19 | 48 | 36 | 580 |
| *Belles Lettres*, Poetry and Drama ... | 49 | 41 | 40 | 55 | 35 | 41 | 18 | 33 | 58 | 27 | 57 | 56 | 510 |
| History, Travel and Biography ... | 117 | 120 | 97 | 112 | 131 | 108 | 39 | 61 | 109 | 71 | 150 | 141 | 1256 |
| Fiction ... ... ... ... | 3776 | 4321 | 3890 | 4150 | 4063 | 4094 | 1499 | 2770 | 3930 | 2900 | 4464 | 3482 | 43339 |
| Juvenile ... ... ... ... | 3192 | 3230 | 2534 | 2887 | 3057 | 2498 | 623 | 903 | 1054 | 591 | 733 | 3860 | 25162‡ |
| Monthly Totals ... ... | 7312 | 7895 | 6743 | 73 93 | 7490 | 6928 | 2246 | 3865 | 5310 | 3694 | 5567 | 7701 | 72144 |

Total Issues of previous years]

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1894-5 :—28,087 vols. | 1898-99 :—39,839 vols. | 1902-03 :—52,836 vols. | 1906-07 :—65,916 vols. |
| 1895-6 :—40,679 vols. | 1899-00 :—42,538 vols. | 1903-04 :—53,266 vols. | †1907-08 :—62,406 vols. |
| 1896-7 :—40,618 vols. | 1900-01 :—47,277 vols. | *1904-05 :—52,186 vols. | 1908-09 :—82,409 vols. |
| 1897-8 :—47,588 vols. | 1901-02 :—50,895 vols. | 1905-06 :—64,205 vols. | 1909-10 :—87,487 vols. |

*No Juvenile Books or Tickets issued or used in 1904-05.

†Closed Two Months (March and April, 1908).

‡Juvenile Department closed July—September, 1910.

# Borough of Workington.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

# REPORT

—OF—

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

November 1st, 1911, to October 31st, 1912.

WORKINGTON:

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1912.

With
The Library Committee and
Borough Librarian's
Compliments.

PUBLIC LIBRARY,
WORKINGTON.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CARNEGIE HALL.

ELEVATIONS TO FINKLE STREET AND VULCAN'S LANE.

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# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

***Summary showing Members Total Possible Number of Attendances at Meetings, Number Attended, and Percentage for such Attendances for the year 1911-12.***

| | Library. | | Finance. | | Carnegie Hall. | | Furnishing | | Totals. | | Per Cent. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Members. | Possible. | Actual. | Possible. | Actual. | Possible. | Actual | Possible. | Actual. | Possible. | Actual. | |
| The Mayor (Ald. Highton) | 13 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 33 | 29 | 87.9 |
| Mr. Ald. J. Duffield ... | 13 | 0 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, ,, J. Harding ... | 13 | 2 | ... | | 2 | 1 | ... | | 15 | 3 | 20.0 |
| ,, ,, W. Leitch ... | 13 | 6 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 6 | 46.2 |
| Mr. Councillor Casson ... | 13 | 2 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 2 | 15.4 |
| ,, ,, Holden ... | 13 | 11 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 11 | 84.6 |
| ,, ,, Holmes ... | 13 | 0 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, ,, Lewis ... | 13 | 7 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 7 | 53.8 |
| ,, ,, Mc.Mullen | 13 | 10 | 10 | 9 | ... | | ... | | 23 | 19 | 82.6 |
| ,, ,, Skerry ... | 13 | 0 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, ,, Towers ... | 13 | 6 | ... | | ... | | 8 | 8 | 21 | 14 | 66.6 |
| ,, ,, Valentine | 13 | 3 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 3 | 23.0 |
| ,, ,, Vaughan | 13 | 12 | ... | | ... | | 8 | 8 | 21 | 20 | 95.2 |
| ,, ,, Walker ... | 13 | 1 | ... | | 2 | 1 | ... | | 15 | 2 | 13.3 |
| Mr. J. Bowerbank ... | 13 | 2 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 2 | 15.4 |
| ,, D. Fraser ... ... | 13 | 13 | 10 | 10 | ... | | ... | | 23 | 23 | 100 |
| ,, E. J. Hepworth ... | 13 | 9 | ... | | 2 | 1 | ... | | 15 | 10 | 66.6 |
| ,, J. Hope ... ... | 13 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 33 | 33 | 100 |
| ,, J. Huntrods ... ... | 13 | 3 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 3 | 23.0 |
| ,, T. Iredale ... ... | 13 | 0 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, E. W. Mawson ... | 13 | 9 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 9 | 69.2 |
| ,, J. Potts ... ... | 13 | 0 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, J. Warwick ... ... | 13 | 8 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 15 | 10 | 66.6 |
| ,, R. Williamson ... | 13 | 0 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, R. H. Williamson ... | 13 | 0 | ... | | ... | | ... | | 13 | 0 | 0 |

# *LIBRARY COMMITTEE.*

*Chairman—*

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR (Alderman R. E. HIGHTON, J.P.)

*Vice-Chairman—*

DONALD FRASER, Esq.

*Members of Committee—*

Alderman JAS. DUFFIELD, J.P.
,, J. HARDING, J.P.
,, W. LEITCH, J.P.
Councillor L. CASSON.
,, J. HOLDEN.
,, W. HOLMES.
,, W. LEWIS.
,, J. MC.MULLEN.
,, G. A. L. SKERRY.
,, B. TOWERS, J.P.
,, G. VALENTINE.
,, J. VAUGHAN.
Councillor C. H. WALKER.
J. BOWERBANK, Esq.
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J. HOPE, Esq.
J. HUNTRODS, Esq.
THOS. IREDALE, Esq., J.P.
E. W. MAWSON, Esq.
JAS. POTTS, Esq.
JOHN WARWICK, Esq.
R. H. WILLIAMSON, Esq.
H. WILLIAMSON, Esq.

# *STAFF.*

| | | Appointed. |
|---|---|---|
| Librarian & Secretary | Mr. J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES ... | October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistant ... | Miss M. MC.KAY ... | July, 1905. |
| Senior Assistant ... | Miss E. SWINBURN ... | February, 1907. |
| Junior Assistant ... | Miss A. JOHNSTONE | December, 1910. |
| Janitor ... ... | Mr. G. NICHOLSON ... | June. 1905, |

# *DATA.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Public Libraries Act Adopted ... ... ... | December, 1889. |
| Newsroom Opened ... ... ... ... ... | July 31st, 1890. |
| Lending and Reference Libray Opened ... ... | November 2nd, 1891. |
| Half-Holiday Movement Adopted ... ... | May 13th, 1892. |
| Mr. Andrew Carnegie's Gift of £7,500 for the building of a New Public Library announced | June 5th, 1902. |
| Town Council give Site: n Finkle Street for New Library ... ... ... ... ... ... | September 2nd, 1902. |
| Messrs. Jas. I. Wilson & Co., Builders, Tender for the erection of the New Library accepted | May 25th, 1903. |
| Memorial Stone laid by the Mayor ... ... | September 10th, 1903. |
| Library and Lecture Hall Opened ... ... | October 6th, 1904. |
| Lecture Hall Extension Approved ... ... ... | June, 1912. |

Population of Borough (1911)—25,099.

Area of Borough, 2,244 Acres. Rateable Value, £101,221.

Library Rate Levied, 1d. in the Pound.

Amount Received from the 1d. Rate, £382 0s. 0d.

FORMER OFFICIALS:—

Date of Appointment and Resignation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Librarian ... | Mr. W. E. Jones | August, 1891—October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistants ... | Mr. Albert Hunt | May, 1897—October, 1900. |
| ,, | Miss S. J. Wood | October, 1900—June, 1907. |
| , | Miss E. J. Peat | October, 1900—December, 1910. |

# REPORT

OF THE

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

November, 1911—October, 1912.

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington.

Gentlemen,

The Library Committee present their Twenty-first Annual Report for the year ending October 31st, 1912.

The Town Council having drawn attention to the unsuitability of the Balcony Exits it was decided to purchase the property adjoining at a cost of £600, and spend a further £900 in extending the Hall so as to double the seating capacity, improve the exit facilities and staircase to Balcony, which will bring in additional revenue to the Library and enable the Committee to extend its usefulness.

**The Reading and Magazine Rooms** continue to be well patronised, and an estimate places the attendance at about 700 persons per day. During the year 18,492 volumes of bound magazines and periodicals were consulted in the Magazine Room alone, and replaced on the shelves by the staff.

**The Lending Library** issued 75,923 volumes for home reading, in comparison with 72,144 volumes issued for the year ending October 31st, 1911. All readers' tickets expired last year, and the applications for new tickets for the ensuing three years number 3,651 ; of these, 1,802 are Juvenile tickets.

**Juvenile Library.**—The stock in the Juvenile Department is now divided up amongst the fourteen schools within the Borough ; each school according to the number of scholars enrolled receives from 200 to 600 volumes, these are returned to the Library every three months for examination and repairs, and a new supply issued.

Statistics as to the issue of books are collected monthly from the Head Teachers of each school, who have taken great interest in the development and management of this Department. The total issue from this Department for the year was 28,476 volumes.

**The Reference Library** has proved exceedingly useful to Teachers and Students seeking information on special subjects, and to whom every facility has been given.

**The Annual Stocktaking** from May 1st to 15th showed that with one exception all the books reported missing last year had been returned to the Library.

The total number of books in the Library, excluding pamphlets and Patent Office publications, is now 14,638 volumes, an increase over the previous year of 1,155 volumes. The stock in the various departments is as follows :—Lending

Library, 9,579 volumes; increase, 730 volumes. Juvenile Library, 2,723 volumes; increase, 60 volumes. Reference Library, 2,336 volumes; increase, 365 volumes.

231 volumes require re-binding at a cost of £15, the number to replace is 982, and the cost to replace these worn-out or dirty volumes would be about £171; there are also about 54 Reference Books to re-bind at a cost of £4. The Juvenile Department, consequent upon an increased circulation, demands the re-binding of 250 volumes at a cost of £14, and the replacement of 351 volumes at a cost of £43.

The following volumes were reported as missing:—

Lending Library—3 volumes, nett value 10/8.

No. 5876 Principles and Methods of Teaching, by Jas. Welton.

,, 1330 Leaves from my Note Book, by Thos. A. Reed.

,, 7508 Beneath the Veil, by A. Sergeant.

Reference Library—1 volume, value 4/6.

Practical Coal-mining, by T. H. Cockin.

Juvenile Library—3 volumes, value 7/6.

No. 605 Cousin Geoffrey and I, by Austin.

,, 1675 The Tempest, by Shakespeare.

,, 2962 How to Draw in Pen and Ink, by Furniss.

**Book Club.**—The membership of the Subscription Department has not increased during the year. The number of books purchased was 537.

The Annual Subscription is 10/6 for one volume at a time, 15/- for two volumes, and one guinea for a family ticket, four or more volumes. The books may be exchanged every day if desired, and the subscription works out at 2½d. per week.

Members have the privilege of choosing the books direct from the shelves, and thus are sure of obtaining the latest books.

**The Library Association** of the United Kingdom held the Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting at Liverpool from Sept. 2nd to 6th. The Librarian attended as the representative of the Committee.

The two Northern Branches of the Library Association held a joint meeting at Keswick, on July 1st, and there was a representative attendance from the seven Northern Counties. The Workington Committee were represented by The Mayor (Alderman R. E. Highton, J.P.), Messrs. Fraser and Vaughan, four members of the staff were also present. The delegates were entertained at Bristowe Hill by Sir John and Lady Randles. The local arrangements were in the hands of the Workington Librarian, who contributed a Paper on "Library Ideals, Work and Legislation in Canada," which has been printed in full in the September issue of the Library Association Record.

(*Signed*),

R. E. HIGHTON, *Mayor and Chairman.*
DONALD FRASER, *Vice-Chairman.*
J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES, *Secretary.*

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington, in the County of Cumberland, the sum of £ : : , free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Library of the above Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and better equipment of the Institution.

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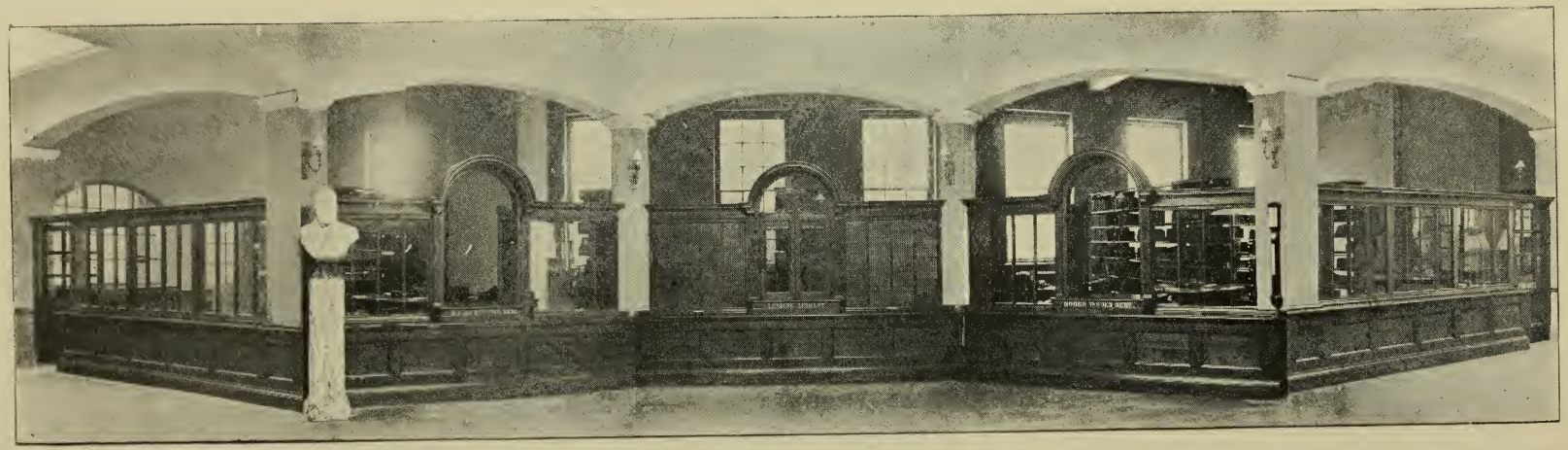
Donations of Books, Pictures, Statuary, or Art Collections of any kind, forwarded to the Borough Librarian, will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.



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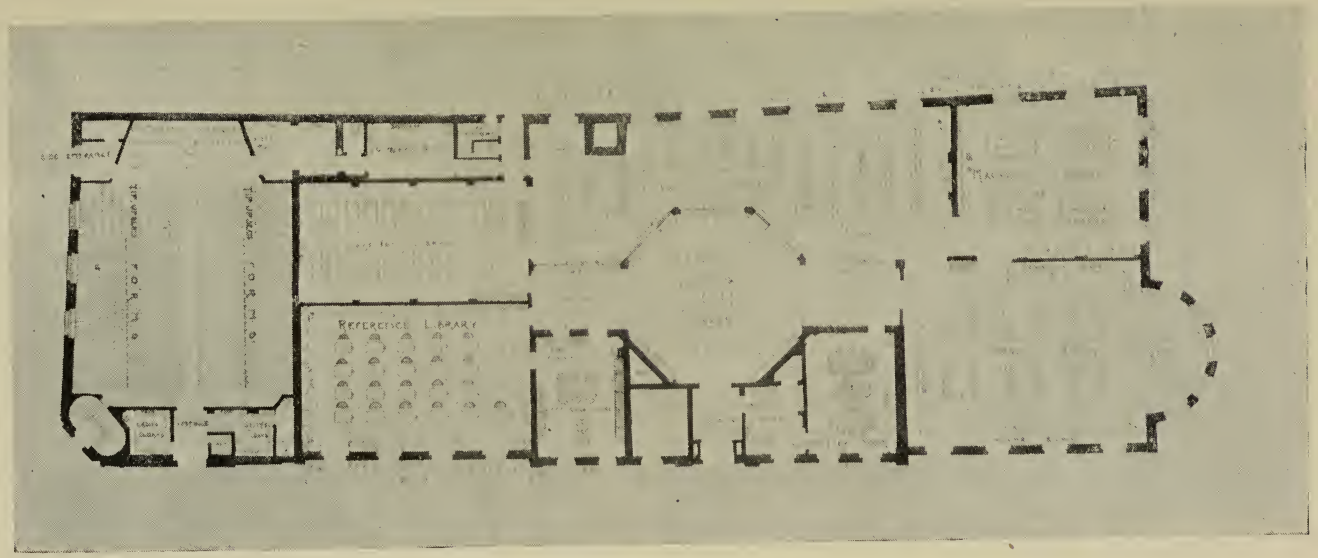


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# *List of Donation, 1911-12.*

Africa, South, per The High Commissioner.
Industrial and Commercial Inducements of Cape Town ... 1

British Museum Trustees.
Subject Index of Modern Works, 1906-1910.
Guide to the Bible Tercentenary Exhibition.
Catalogue of Lepedoptera Phalænae. Vol. 11 and Plates.
General Index to a Hand List of the Genera and Species of Birds. Vols. 1—5.
Guide to the Exhibition of Animals, Plants and Minerals.
Revision of the Ichneumonidæ Part 1, by Claude Morley... 5

Canadian Government.
Ontario Bureau of Mines, Annual Reports, Vols. 13—20 ... 6

Canadian Newspaper Directory, 1911, per A. Mc.Kinn, Advertising Agent, Montreal ... ... ... ... ... 1

Cassidy, James. Black Humphrey, a Novel ... ... ... 1

Clutterbuck, W. S., Esq., Town Clerk, Reading.
New Guide to Reading ... ... ... ... 3

Cook, Thos. & Son, London.
Official Handbook of Natal, per General Manager of the South African Railways ... ... ... 1

Cumberland County Council.
Minutes of Council and Committees, 1912, per C. C. Hodgson, Esq. ... ... ... ... 1

Cumberland Education Committee.
Eighth Annual Report, 1910-1911.
Minutes of Committees and Sub-Committees, Vol. 9, 1912 2

Emigrants' Information Office.
Emigration Circulars. Quarterly parts as published.

Evans, David.
Labour Strife in the South Wales Coalfield, 1910-1911 ... 1

Fletcher, W. L., Esq., Stoneleigh, Workington.
" Flowertime in the Oberland," br H. D. Rawnsley.
" The Downfall," by E. Zola ... ... ... ... 2

LIST OF DONATIONS, 1911-12—continued.

Green, Rev. R. Saunders, Vicarage, Workington.
School Guardian, monthly as issued ... ... ... 12

Harrogate Public Library, per G. W. Byers, Librarian.
Author List of Prose Fiction in Lending Department.
Class List of History, Geography, Voyages and Travel ... 2

Iredale, Thos., Esq., Workington.
Journals—Iron and Steel Institute. Vol. 84, 1911.
Carnegie Scholarship Memoirs. Vol. 4, 1912 ... ... 2

Lawson, Sir Wilfred, M.P.
Parliamentary Debates, House of Commons.
Official Reports. Fifth Series. Vols. 31—40, 1911-12 ... 10
Fourth Series: 28th Parliament, Vols. 152-163, A.D. 1906 12

Library of Congress. Report of the Librarian of Congress, 1911 1

Macdonald & Co., Ltd., Edinburgh.
Macdonald's English Directory and Gazetteer, 2 Vols, 1912 2

Manchester Public Library Committee.
Classified Quarterly Record of Books added to Reference Library, 1911, per C. W. Sutton, Librarian ... 1

Mitchell, C. & Co., Ltd., London.
Newspaper Press Directory, 1912 ... ... ... 1

National Health Insurance Commission. Official Explanatory Leaflets 17

Newcastle Public Library.
Supplement (1908-1911) to Consolidated Catalogue of Central Lending Library ... ... ... 1

Randles, Sir John S., M.P.
Parliamentary Debates. Fifth Series, 27th. Parliament.
Vols. 88—199, 1900—1908 ... ... ... 102
Fifth Series: 28th Parliament, Vol. 1—19, 1909—10 ... 19

Roebuck, C. W., Esq., Workington.
Outlines of Botany, by G. T. Burnett, F.L.S. ... ... 1

Seatree, G., Esq., Liverpool.
Wasdale Head in Auld Will Ritson's Time;
a Series of Letters written by Jas. Jackson ... 1

Sunderland Public Library.
Library Circular.
List of Books on Shipbuilding, 1912.
National Art Loans: A Plea for the Provinces, by J. A. Charlton Dees, Librarian ... ... ... 2

LIST OF DONATIONS, 1911-12—continued.

Testimony Publishing Co., Chicago.
"The Fundamentals," 5 Vols. ... ... ... 5

Town and County Directories, Ltd., Edinburgh.
Cumberland and Westmorland Trades Directories, 1911-1912 1

University Correspondence College.
Prospectus of Classes for London University Examinations, 1912 ... ... ... ... ... ... 1

University Patents Bureau, Ltd., per the Manager ... ... 1

West Hartlepool Public Library.
Select List of Books on Nature Study ... ... ... 1

Workington Education Committee.
Minutes of Committees and Sub-Committees. Vols. 4, 5, 7, 1907-1911, per E. J. Hepworth, Esq., Secretary ... 3

Workington Town Council.
Minutes of Council and Committees, Vol. 21, 1911, per J. Warwick, Esq., Town Clerk ... ... ... 1
Abstract of Accounts, 1911-1912, per J. Noble, Esq., Borough Treasurer ... ... ... ... 1

Library Reports:
Ashton-under-Lyne, Batley, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bury, Cardiff, Chorley, Cork, Coventry, Croydon, Dewsbury, Dumbarton, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Gateshead, Great Yarmouth, Hackney, Hartlepool, Hornsey, Hove, Ilkley, Keighley, Kendal, Kettering, Leicester, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Saffron-Walden, South Shields, Sunderland, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Watford, Waterloo-with-Seaforth, West Hartlepool, Westminster, Wigan, Windsor, Worcester, York.

American and Colonial Libraries:
Illinois, New York, Providence, Salem.

# *Newspapers and Periodicals.*

## DAILIES.

Daily Dispatch, Daily Mail, Daily News, Telegraph, Freeman's Journal, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury, Manchester Guardian, North Mail, Sheffield Telegraph, Shipping Gazette, Times, Yorkshire Post.

## BI-WEEKLIES.

Carlisle Journal, West Cumberland Times.

## WEEKLIES.

Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, Arms and Explosives, Athletic News, Athenæum, Bazaar, Exchange and Mart, Board of Trade Journal, British Architect, Canada, Canadian Gazette, Canadian Mail, Carpenter and Builder, Catholic Times, Chemical Trade Journal, Contractors' Record, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Weekly, Clarion, Co-operative News, Electrical Engineer, Engineering, The Garden, Gardener's Chronicle, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Hearth and Home, Illustrated London News, Iron and Coal Trades Review, Labour Leader, Labour News, Ladies' Pictorial, Local Government Officer, Machinery Market, Nature, Notes and Queries, Patent Office Journal, Phonetic Journal, Punch, Queen, Sanitary Record, Saturday Review, School Guardian, Science Siftings, Scientific American, Stage, Truth, Work, Workington News, Workington Star.

## FORTNIGHTLIES.

University Correspondent.

## MONTHLIES.

Agricultural Economist, Agricultural Record, Art Journal, Blackwood's Magazine, Bookman, Book Monthly, Boys' Own Paper, Canadian Municipal Journal, Chambers' Journal, Church Gazette, Contemporary Review, Cumulative Index and Readers' Guide, Engineering Magazine,

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—continued.

Engineering Review, English Illustrated Magazine, Fortnightly Review, Free Sunday Advocate, Garden City Associations Magazine, Girls' Own Paper, Harper's Magazine, Labour Gazette, Magazine of Commerce, Millgate Magazine, Musical Herald, National Review, New-Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, Nonconformist Musical Journal, Pall Mall Magazine, Patents, Printers' Register, Registrar General's Return-Deaths of Seamen, Review of Reviews, Strand Magazine, Vulcan, Woodworker, Zoophilist.

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## QUARTERLIES.

Book Auction Records. Herald of Health. Hibbert's Journal.

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## RAILWAY AND TOURIST GUIDES.

Cambrian Rly., Caledonian Rly., Cleator and Workington Junction Rly., Furness Rly., Glasgow & South Western Rly., Great Northern Rly. of Ireland,Great Western Rly., Great North of Scotland Rly., Great Eastern Rly., Great Central Rly., Great Southern & Western Rly., Highland Rly., Isle of Man Tourist Guide, Lancashire & Yorkshire Rly., London and North Western Rly., London, Brighton and South Coast Rly., London & South Western Rly., Midland Rly., North British Rly., North Eastern Rly., South Eastern & Chatham Rly., Tyne Steam Shipping Co.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

***Classified List of Issues, November, 10th, 1911—October 31st, 1912, inclusive.***

| Class. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Class Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miscellaneous ... ... ... ... | 3 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 16 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 14 | 89 |
| Philosophy .. ... ... ... | 5 | 18 | 11 | 12 | 27 | 15 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 143 |
| Religion ... ... ... ... ... | 10 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 13 | 11 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 26 | 11 | 139 |
| Sociology ... ... ... ... | 20 | 24 | 20 | 16 | 21 | 12 | 2 | 17 | 11 | 10 | 19 | 17 | 189 |
| Philology ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 25 |
| Natural Science ... ... ... ... | 14 | 29 | 32 | 33 | 25 | 18 | 13 | 34 | 18 | 20 | 13 | 23 | 272 |
| Useful Arts .. ... ... ... | 55 | 51 | 51 | 48 | 60 | 21 | 5 | 38 | 21 | 25 | 34 | 23 | 432 |
| Fine Arts ... ... ... ... ... | 56 | 51 | 42 | 47 | 59 | 46 | 15 | 36 | 29 | 42 | 42 | 48 | 513 |
| *Belles Lettres*, Poetry and Drama ... ... | 46 | 61 | 56 | 68 | 96 | 67 | 18 | 63 | 43 | 40 | 57 | 55 | 670 |
| History, Travel and Biography ... ... | 155 | 208 | 212 | 226 | 310 | 203 | 51 | 168 | 135 | 166 | 189 | 194 | 2217 |
| Fiction ... ... ... ... ... | 3693 | 4162 | 3821 | 3900 | 5590 | 3594 | 1233 | 3803 | 2747 | 3660 | 3197 | 3358 | 42758 |
| Juvenile . ... .. ... ... | 3239 | 3241 | 2435 | 3155 | 3372 | 2146 | 1473 | 2418 | 664 | 1259 | 2363 | 2711 | 28476 |
| Monthly Totals ... ... ... | 7297 | 7869 | 6709 | 7533 | 9591 | 6143 | 2818 | 6607 | 3687 | 5249 | 5955 | 6465 | 75923 |

Total Issues of previous years

1894-95 :—28,087 vols.
1895-96 :—40,679 vols.
1896-97 :—40,618 vols.
1897-98 :—47,588 vols.
1898-99 :—39,839 vols.
1899-00 :—42,538 vols.
1900-01 :—47,277 vols.
1901-02 :—50,895 vols.
1902-03 :—52,836 vols.
1903-04 :—53,266 vols.
*1904-05 :—52,186 vols.
1905-06 :—64,205 vols.
1906-07 :—65,916 vols.
†1907-08 :—62,406 vols.
1908-09 :—82,409 vols.
1909-10 :—87,487 vols.
1910-11 :—72,144 vols.

* No Juvenile Books or Tickets issued or used in 1904-05. † Closed Two Months (March and April, 1908).

‡ Juvenile Department closed July—September, 1910.

# SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

## RETURN OF ISSUES.

| Name of School. | No. of Tickets issued. | Total Issue, 1911-12. |
|---|---|---|
| School of Science ... ... ... | 130 | 255 |
| Higher Grade ... ... ... | 592 | 6181 |
| St. John's (Boys) ... ... ... | 80 | 2228 |
| St. John's (Girls) ... ... ... | 77 | 1830 |
| St. Michael's (Boys) ... ... ... | 129 | 1187 |
| St. Michael's (Girls) ... ... ... | 98 | 1240 |
| Lawrence Street (Mixed) ... ... | 110 | 1338 |
| Victoria (Boys) ... ... ... | 164 | 2221 |
| Victoria (Girls) ... ... ... | 67 | 948 |
| Westfield (Mixed) ... ... ... | 66 | 1561 |
| Siddick (Mixed) ... ... ... | 97 | 591 |
| North Side (Mixed) ... ... ... | 57 | 228 |
| St. Patrick's (R.C.) ... ... ... | 47 | 258 |
| St. Michael's Road (R.C.) ... ... | 88 | 417 |

No. of Readers, 1802.

| | |
|---|---|
| Vols. issued ... ... | 20,483 |
| Books issued from the Library | 7,993 |
| Total ... | 28,476 |

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC LIBRARY AND LECTURE HALL REVENUE ACCOUNT for Year ended 31st March, 1912.

### INCOME.

| March 31st, 1912. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Borough Rate—1d. Rate on Assessment of £101,221, after making deductions for voids and uncoverables ... ... ... | 382 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Contribution from Stainburn Parish Council | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Contribution from Education Committee for Books ... ... ... ... ... | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Contribution from Education Committee towards Salary of Extra Assistant ... | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Miscellaneous Receipts—Advertisements, Fines, Catalogues, Sales and Sundries ... | 13 | 8 | 9 | | | |
| ,, Corporation—Use of Council Chamber ... | 16 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Contribution from County Council for Students beyond the Borough Boundary | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Catalogue Advertisements ... ... ... | 35 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Lecture Hall Profit ... ... ... ... | 50 | 13 | 5 | | | |
| | | | | 537 | 12 | 2 |
| ,, Lecture Hall—Rents for Letting, &c., to March 31st, 1912 ... ... ... ... | 239 | 15 | 3 | | | |
| ,, Balance ... ... ... ... ... | 58 | 11 | 7 | | | |
| | | | | 298 | 6 | 10 |
| | | | | £835 | 19 | 0 |

Signed,
JOHN NOBLE,
Borough Treasurer.

### EXPENDITURE.

| PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT: | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance overdrawn, March 31st, 1911. ... ... | | | | *44* | *7* | *0* |
| March 31st, 1912:— | | | | | | |
| ,, Salaries—Librarian, Assistants, and Caretaker (proportion) ... ... ... ... | 179 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| ,, New Books and Replacements ... ... | 119 | 2 | 2 | | | |
| ,, Re-Binding ... ... ... ... ... | 57 | 4 | 10 | | | |
| ,, Newspapers and Periodicals... ... ... | 43 | 12 | 9 | | | |
| ,, Printing, Advertising, &c. ... ... ... | 15 | 4 | 2 | | | |
| ,, Do. New Catalogue ... ... ... | 55 | 5 | 11 | | | |
| ,, Library Fittings ... ... ... ... | 12 | 15 | 6 | | | |
| ,, ,, Repairs and Sundries ... ... | 15 | 12 | 9 | | | |
| ,, ,, Gas Fittings ... ... ... | 9 | 3 | 4 | | | |
| ,, Fuel per Gas Works (proportion) ... ... | 9 | 18 | 4 | | | |
| ,, Painting and Decorating ... ... ... | 11 | 14 | 4 | | | |
| ,, Insurance ... ... ... ... ... | 11 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Petty Disbursements per Librarian ... | 11 | 1 | 7 | | | |
| | | | | 596 | 3 | 9 |
| ,, Gas Account ... ... ... ... ... | 23 | 18 | 9 | | | |
| ,, Rates, Taxes, &c. ... ... ... ... | 13 | 13 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Secretary's and Janitor's fees, Cleaning, &c. | 26 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Salaries (proportion) ... ... ... ... | 57 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Insurance ... ... ... ... ... | 7 | 12 | 9 | | | |
| ,, Piano and Tuning ... ... ... ... | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Furniture, Repairs and Alterations ... | 19 | 12 | 3 | | | |
| ,, Fuel per Gas Works (proportion) ... ... | 9 | 18 | 5 | | | |
| ,, Painting ... ... ... ... ... | 16 | 2 | 8 | | | |
| LECTURE HALL ACCOUNT: | | | | | | |
| ,, Profit carried to Credit of Library Account as per resolution of Library Committee... | 50 | 13 | 5 | | | |
| | | | | 239 | 15 | 3 |
| | | | | £835 | 19 | 0 |

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# Borough of Workington.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

# REPORT

—OF—

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

November 1st, 1912, to October 31st, 1913.

WORKINGTON:
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1913.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CARNEGIE HALL.

ELEVATIONS TO FINKLE STREET AND VULCAN'S LANE.

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# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

***Summary showing Members, Total Possible Number of Attendances at Meetings, Number Attended, and Percentage for such Attendances for the year 1912-13.***

| Members. | Library. | | Finance. | | Lecture Hall. | | Totals. | | Per Cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | |
| The Mayor (Ald. Highton) | 12 | 10 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 34 | 28 | 82.38 |
| Alderman W. Leitch ... | 12 | 7 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 7 | 50.83 |
| ,, J. Mc.Mullen ... | 12 | 6 | 14 | 8 | — | — | 26 | 14 | 53.84 |
| Councillor Casson ... | 12 | 3 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 3 | 25.00 |
| ,, Holden ... | 12 | 12 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 12 | 100. |
| ,, Lewis ... | 12 | 7 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 7 | 50.83 |
| ,, Towers ... | 12 | 5 | — | — | 8 | 5 | 20 | 10 | 50.00 |
| ,, Valentine ... | 12 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 2 | 16.66 |
| ,, Vaughan ... | 12 | 11 | — | — | 8 | 8 | 20 | 19 | 95.00 |
| Mr. J. Bowerbank ... | 12 | 4 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 4 | 33.33 |
| ,, D. Fraser ... ... | 12 | 12 | 14 | 14 | — | — | 26 | 26 | 100. |
| ,, E. J. Hepworth ... | 12 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 22 | 19 | 86.36 |
| ,, J. Hope ... ... | 12 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 34 | 34 | 100. |
| ,, E. W. Mawson ... | 12 | 8 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 8 | 66.66 |
| ,, J. Warwick ... ... | 12 | 7 | — | — | 8 | 4 | 20 | 11 | 55.00 |

# LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

*Chairman—*

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR (Alderman R. E. HIGHTON, J.P., V.D.)

*Vice-Chairman—*

DONALD FRASER, Esq.

*Members of Committee—*

Alderman W. LEITCH, J.P.
,, J. MC.MULLEN.
Councillor L. CASSON.
,, J. HOLDEN.
,, W. LEWIS.
,, B. TOWERS, J.P.
,, G. VALENTINE.
Councillor J. VAUGHAN.
J. BOWERBANK, Esq.
E. J. HEPWORTH, Esq.
J. HOPE, Esq.
E. W. MAWSON, Esq.
J. WARWICK, Esq.

# STAFF.

| | | Appointed. |
|---|---|---|
| Librarian & Secretary | Mr. J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES | October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistant ... | Miss M. MC.KAY | January, 1906. |
| Senior Assistant ... | Miss E. SWINBURN | February, 1907. |
| Janitor ... ... | Mr. GEORGE NICHOLSON | June, 1905. |

# *DATA.*

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| Public Libraries Act Adopted ... ... ... | December, 1889. |
| Newsroom Opened ... ... ... ... ... | July 31st, 1890. |
| Lending and Reference Library Opened ... ... | November 2nd, 1891. |
| Half-Holiday Movement Adopted ... ... | May 13th, 1892. |
| Mr. Andrew Carnegie's Gift of £7,500 for the building of a New Public Library announced | June 5th, 1902. |
| Town Council gave Site in Finkle Street for New Library ... ... ... ... ... ... | September 2nd, 1902. |
| Messrs. Jas. I. Wilson & Co., Builders, Tender for the erection of the New Library accepted | May 25th, 1903. |
| Memorial Stone laid by the Mayor ... ... | September 10th, 1903. |
| Library and Lecture Hall Opened ... ... | October 6th, 1904. |

Population of Borough (1911)—25,099.

Area of Borough, 3,077 Acres. Rateable Value, £100,802.

Library Rate Levied, 1d. in the Pound.

Amount Received from the 1d. Rate, £382 0s. 0d.

FORMER OFFICIALS :—

Date of Appointment and Resignation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Librarian ... | Mr. W. E. Jones | August, 1891—October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistants ... | Mr. Albert Hunt | May, 1897—October, 1900. |
| ,, | Miss S. J. Wood | October, 1900—June, 1907. |
| | Miss E. J. Peat | October, 1900—December, 1910. |

# REPORT

OF THE

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

November, 1912—October, 1913.

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington.

Gentlemen,

The Library Committee present their Twenty-second Annual Report for the year ending October 31st, 1913.

**Lecture Hall.**—The event of the year has been the alteration and extension of the Lecture Hall whereby the seating capacity has been enlarged from 400 to 825.

The Hall has been let on lease for ten years on very satisfactory terms, and the Committee have made provision in the lease for the use of the Hall one night per month at a nominal fee should the Hall be required for Educational or Public purposes. This option has been exercised this winter and a Course of Gilchrist Lectures arranged.

**Lectures.**—The Library Committee invited and obtained the co-operation of the following Educational and other Societies in promoting these Lectures :—The Governors of the New Technical College, Workington Education Committee, Workington Head Teachers' Association, Workington and District National Union of Teachers, Workington Educational Association, The Y.M.C.A., Workington Trades' Council, and the Beehive and Jane Street Co-operative Societies.

The following Lectures have already been delivered :—

Wednesday, October 1st, 1913—"Water and its Work," by Prof. V. B. Lewes, Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Wednesday, October 15th, 1913—"Labour and Art in English Life," illustrated by Greek Art, by Sir Chas. Waldstein, Litt. D.

Wednesday, October 29th, 1913—"Ancient Hunters," by Prof. W. J. Sollas, Ll.D., D.Sc.

**Reading Rooms.**—The daily attendance in the Reading and Magazine Rooms is estimated between 500 and 600 persons. During the year 14,887 volumes of bound magazines and periodicals were consulted in the Magazine Room alone, and replaced on the shelves by the staff.

**Lending Library.**—The Lending Department issued 73,539 volumes for home reading in comparison with 75,923 volumes for the year ended October 31st, 1912.

The Committee considered the question of replacing a large number of worn-out and dirty books, and it was decided to purchase new copies of the most popular volumes to the value of £100, the cost to spread over three years. The New Catalogue will thus be a more complete index to the stock of books actually in circulation, and be the means of increasing the issues and popularity of the institution during the ensuing year.

The number of Readers' Tickets in use is 4,587, of which 2,304 are Juvenile Readers.

**Juvenile Library.**—The system of forwarding Boxes of Books to the fourteen Schools in the Borough, and changing them every three months, has been continued.

**Reference Library.**—Statistics are not kept as to the number of books used in the Reference Department, since the

Committee discontinued free access to the Room ; personal application must now be made to use the room, but the restriction has enabled more real students to make use of the books for quiet study, and for this purpose every facility is given to all Teachers, Students and the Senior Pupils at the New Technical College.

**Annual Stocktaking.**—The Annual Stocktaking was held as usual, and only one volume was reported missing.

The total number of books in the Library, excluding pamphlets and Patent Office publications, is 15,397 volumes, an increase over the previous year of 759 volumes. The stock in the various departments is as follows :—Lending Library, 10,116 volumes ; increase, 537 volumes ; Juvenile Library, 2,735 ; increase, 12 volumes ; Reference Library and Magazine Room, 2,546 volumes ; increase, 210 volumes.

The whole of the books in each department were carefully examined ; 762 volumes required re-binding at an estimated cost of £47 ; 721 books were withdrawn as worn out or too dirty for further use, the cost to replace these volumes will be £108. In the Reference Library 36 volumes required re-binding—cost. £4.

The stock of books in the Juvenile Library suffered severely from increased handling at the Schools, and the grant of £15 from the Workington Education Committee was spent this year in replacing worn-out volumes. The whole of the books were returned from the Schools during the Summer Holidays, examined and repaired when possible, 161 volumes required re-binding—cost, £10 ; 136 were too dilapidated for further use, the cost to replace them is estimated at £17.

**Book Club.**—Subscribers to the Book Club or Subscription Department number 40.

The Committee regret to report no increase in the number of members, consequently the number of books which the Club hand over to the Library is not so numerous as in previous years. The volumes purchased numbered 294.

The Annual Subscription is 10/6 per one volume at a time, 15/- for two volumes, and one guinea for a family ticket—four or more volumes.

**Banquet to Mr. Carnegie.**—The Library Association having invited Mr. Andrew Carnegie to a complimentary Banquet in London, on June 2nd, 1913, for the purpose of expressing the gratitude of the Library Authorities of the United Kingdom for his munificence to our Public Libraries.

The Library Committee were represented at this function.

(*Signed*),

R. E. HIGHTON, *Mayor and Chairman.*

DONALD FRASER, *Vice-Chairman.*

J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES, *Secretary.*

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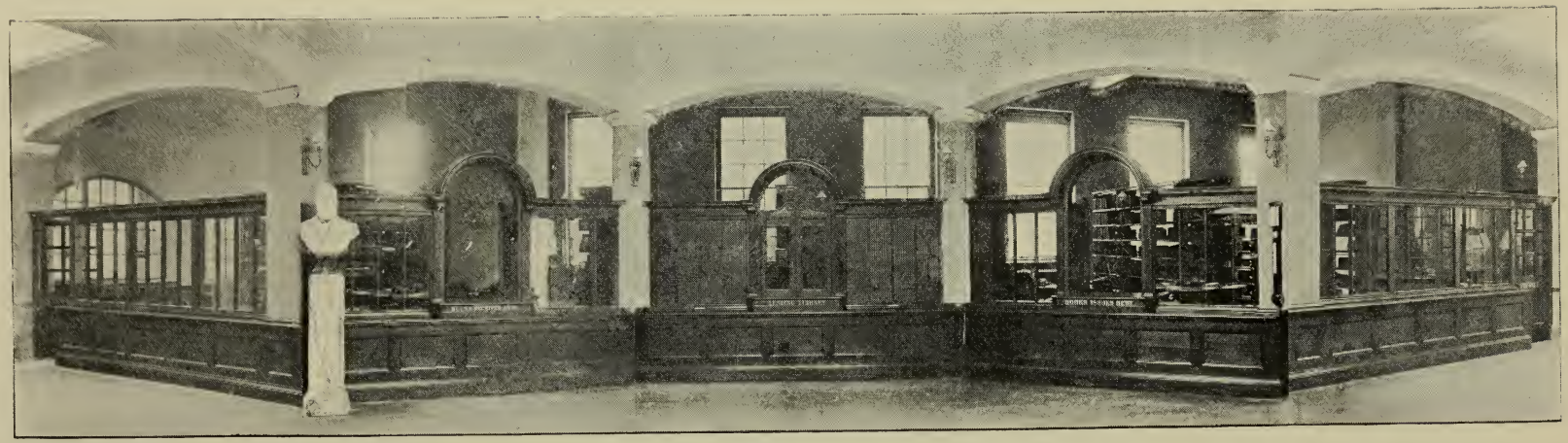
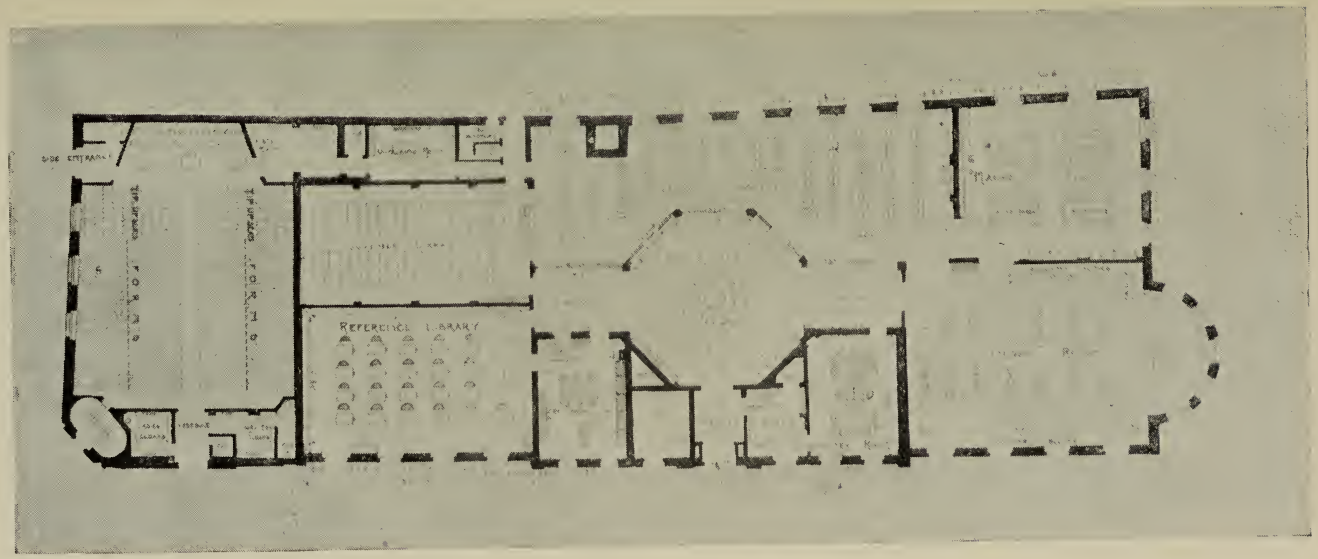


BORROWERS' HALL.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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# *List of Donations, 1912-13.*

Australian Government.

Victoria, Journal Department of Agriculture, 12 parts, 1912 1

Briggs, George, Junr., *Sheriff of London*, 1912, *formerly of Cockermouth* ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 3

City of London, Year Book and Civic Directory, 1912.

The Business World : Men and Methods of the New Georgian Era. Sketch of the Firm of Messrs. Geo. Briggs & Co., Silk Merchants, London, with portrait of the Founder, Mr. Sheriff Briggs.

Recollections of a Visit to Canada, 1907.

British Museum, per the Director ... ... ... ... 7

Catalogue of Mammals of Western Europe.

,, Hume Collection of Indian Horns.

,, Birds' Eggs, Vol. 5.

Revision of the Ichneumonidae, Part 2.

Catalogue of Moths, Vol. 12.

,, Marine Reptiles of the Oxford Clay, Part 2.

The House Fly as a Danger to Health.

Index to Hand—List of Birds. Bible Exhibition Special Guide No. 5.

Canadian Government, Department of Agriculture : Papers read to the Standing Committee of the Senate on Agriculture and Forestry (1911) ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 2

(1).—Grisdale, J. H. Corn for Ensilage and the Silo.

(2).—Macoun, W. T. Small Fruit Culture.

Department of Lands and Mines :—

Ontario Bureau of Mines, Vols. 21, 1912. ... ... 2

Canadian Government, per the High Commissioner, London ... 17

Department of Trade and Commerce : Annual Reports in Seven Volumes, 1911 and 1912.

Part 1 to 3 Canadian Trade (Home and Foreign). Part 4 Miscellaneous Information. (5). Grain Statistics. (6). Subsidized Steamship Services. (7). Trade of Foreign Countries and Treaties and Conventions.

Nova Scotia, by Beckles Willson.

Canadian Year—Book, 1911.

Census of Canada, 1911.

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Carnegie Dumfermline Trustees ... ... ... ... 1
Ross, J. Carnegie American Benefactions in operation.

Covenant Publishing Co , London ... ... ... ... 1
Bible Talks for Heart and Mind.

Cumberland County Council, per C. Courtenay Hodgson, Esq. ... 1
Council and Sub-Committees' Minutes, 1913.

————Education Committee, per C. Courtenay Hodgson, Esq., Sec. 2
Regulations for Elementary Education (Revised October, '12).
Minutes of Committee and Sub-Committees, 1912—13.
(Quarterly Parts and Annual Volume as issued).

Emigrants' Information Office
Emigration Circulars Quarterly Parts as published

Fletcher, W L , Esq , Stoneleigh, Workington ... ... ... 20
Life of a Scotch Naturalist, by S. Smiles.
Romance of War, by Jas. Grant.
Tanglewood Tales, by N. Hawthorne.
Westward Ho ! by Chas Kingsley.
At Last, by Chas. Kingsley.
The Giant Killer, by A.L.O.E.
Elementary Treatise on Natural Philosophy, by Prof. A. P. Deschanel.
King of the Ranges, by Nat Gould.
Race-Course Tragedy, by Nat Gould.
British Birds' Eggs and Nests, by Rev. J. C. Atkinson.
Common British Moths, by Rev. J. G. Wood.
Common Objects of the Country, by Rev. J. G. Wood.
Tales and Traditions of Ayrshire and Galloway, by Andrew Class.
Gorilla Hunters, by R. M. Ballantyne.
Young Fur Traders, by R. M. Ballantyne.
Robinson Crusoe, by DeFoe.
Gathos, etc., by S. Wilberforce.
The Model Son, *Anon.*

Holden, Councillor E. J., Workington ... ... ... 4
Galatea, by "*A Blind Sailor.*"
Hanging in Chains, by A. Hartshorne.
Branthwaite Hall, etc., by W. Hetherington.
Answer to the Anon. Book, " The Chronicles of Workington' (A Broadside, 4 copies).

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Hull Public Library Committee, per the Librarian ... ... 1
Hull as Coal Port. *Illustrated.*

Imperial Maritime League, per H F. Wyatt & L. G. H Horton-Smith 1
Britain's Imminent Danger, December, 1912.

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Plumbing Trade Journal (Monthly).

Iredale, Thos., Esq., J.P., Workington... ... ... ... 3
Journals Iron and Steel Institute, Vols. 85—86.
Carnegie Scholarship Memoirs, Vol. 5, 1912.

Kegan Paul & Co., Publishers ... ... ... ... 3
Hall, S. E. Sonnets of Michael Angelo Buonarroti (1905).
Gibson, J. T. The Cid Ballads (1898).
Cannon, J. P. The Plaint of the English Muse.

Lawrence, Sir Edwin Durning, per Donald Macbeth, Ltd.
Artists' Illustrators, London... ... ... ... 1
Pamphlet & Photo. Facsimile *re* Bacon-Shakespeare Argument.

Lawson, Sir Wilfred, M.P. ... ... ... ... ... 24
Parliamentary Debates : Fifth Series—2nd and 3rd Sessions Thirtieth Parliament, 2 George 5. Vols. 34—49, 1912, Vols. 50—58. 1913.

Leeds, University of... ... ... ... ... ... 1
Department of Tinctorial Chemistry and Dyeing.

Library of Congress, Washington, U.S.A. ... ... ... 2
Report of the Librarian and the Superintendent of the Library Building and Grounds, 1912. *Illustrated.*
List of Publications of the Library issued since 1897. January (1913).

London University Correspondence College ... ... ... 2
Prospectus and Classes for London University Exams., 1913.
Guide and Calendar, 1913.

Marconi, Wireless Telegraph Co. ... ... ... ... 1
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Newcastle Public Library, per Basil Anderton, Esq., M.A., Chief Librarian.
Catalogue Greek and Latin Classics.

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New Zealand, per the High Commissioner ... ... ... 3
Statistics for New Zealand for 1909-10.
New Zealand Crown Land Guide, Papers and Reports relating to Minerals and Mining, 1909—1910. 2 Vols.
New Zealand Official Year Book, 1910.

New Zealand, Registrar of Patents ... ... ... ... 12
Patent Office Journal, *monthly issues*, July, 1913, to date.

Patent Office, London.
Official Journal (Weekly).
Illustrated Abridgements (as published).

Paton's List of Continental Schools and Tutors... ... ... 1

Pittsburgh, Classified Catalogue of the Carnegie Library, 1907—1911, per A. H. Hopkins, Librarian. Part I.—General Works, Philosophy, Religion ... ... ... ... ... 1

Richards, Grant & Co., Ltd., Publishers, London ... ... 2
In Vino Veritas: A book about Wine; edited by Andre L. Simon, 1913.
The Nation and the Army, by Major W. Roper, Caldbeck

Sunderland Public Libraries, per the Librarian. ... ... 1
Library Circular, Vol. 5.—
Spring and Summer Issue, 1913.

Testimony Publishing Co., Chicago ... ... ... ... 3
The Fundamentals, Vols. 6—8 (1913) ... ... ... 3

Thompson, Miss Helena, Park End, Workington ... ... ... 12
Acts of Parliament Relating to Workington and Neighbourhood.

Workington Corporation, per John Warwick, Esq., Town Clerk.
Minutes of Council and Sub-Committees, Monthly and Annual Volumes ... ... ... ... 1
Abstract of Accounts, 1912—13, per John Noble, Esq., Borough Treasurer ... ... ... ... 2

Workington Education Committee, per E. J. Hepworth, Esq., Sec. 1
Minutes of Committee and Sub-Committees, 1913.

Workington Infirmary, per F. W. Jackson, Esq., Sec. ... ... 1
26th Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Working Men's Club and Institute Union ... ... ... 1
Our Fifty Years, by B. T. Hall (1912).

LIST OF DONATIONS, 1912-13—continued.

Library Reports:

Accrington, Altrincham, Barrow-in-Furness, Barry, Blackburn, Birmingham, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bury, Cardiff, Chorley, Cork, Coventry, Croydon, Derby, Dewsbury, Dundee, Ealing, Gateshead, Great Yarmouth, Hackney, Hartlepool, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Leeds, Leicester, Lincoln, Loughborough, Manchester, Middlesbrough, New York, Perth, Salem, Saffron, St. Helens, South Shields, Sunderland, Waterloo-with-Seaforth, Watford, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Westminster, Windsor, U.S.A., Worcester, York.

## *Newspapers and Periodicals.*

### DAILIES.

Daily Citizen, Daily Dispatch, Daily Mail, Daily News, Telegraph, Freeman's Journal, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury, Manchester Guardian, North Mail, Sheffield Telegraph, Shipping Gazette, Times, Yorkshire Post.

### BI-WEEKLIES.

Carlisle Journal, West Cumberland Times.

### WEEKLIES.

Alliance News, Amateur Photographer, Arms and Explosives, Athletic News, Athenæum, Bazaar, Exchange and Mart, Board of Trade Journal, British Architect, Canada, Canadian Gazette, Canadian Mail, Carpenter and Builder, Catholic Times, Chemical Trade Journal, Contractors' Record, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Weekly, Clarion, Co-operative News, Electrical Engineer, Engineering, The Garden, Gardener's Chronicle, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Hearth and Home, Illustrated London News, Iron and Coal Trades Review, Labour Leader, Labour News, Ladies' Pictorial, Local Government Officer, Journal, and Chronicle, Machinery Market, Nature, Notes and Queries, Patent Office Journal, Phonetic Journal, Punch, Queen, Sanitary Record, Saturday Review, School Guardian, Science Siftings, Scientific American, Stage, Truth, Work, Workington News, Workington Star.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—continued.

## FORTNIGHTLIES.

University Correspondent.

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## MONTHLIES.

Agricultural Economist, Agricultural Record, Art Journal, Blackwood's Magazine, Bookman, Book Monthly, Boys' Own Paper, Canadian Municipal Journal, Chambers' Journal, Church Gazette, Contemporary Review, Cumulative Index and Readers' Guide, Engineering Magazine, Engineering Review, English Illustrated Magazine, Fortnightly Review, Free Sunday Advocate, Garden City Associations Magazine, Girls' Own Paper, Harper's Magazine, Labour Gazette, Magazine of Commerce, Millgate Magazine, Musical Herald, National Review, New-Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, Nonconformist Musical Journal, Pall Mall Magazine, Patents, Plumbing Trade Journal, Printers' Register, Registrar General's Return—Deaths of Seamen, Review of Reviews, Strand Magazine, University Correspondent, Vulcan, Woodworker, Zoophilist.

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## QUARTERLIES.

Book Auction Records. Herald of Health. Hibbert's Journal.

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## RAILWAY AND TOURIST GUIDES.

Cambrian Rly., Caledonian Rly., Cleator and Workington Junction Rly., Furness Rly., Glasgow & South Western Rly., Great Northern Rly. of Ireland, Great Western Rly., Great North of Scotland Rly., Great Eastern Rly., Great Central Rly., Great Southern & Western Rly., Highland Rly., Isle of Man Tourist Guide, Lancashire & Yorkshire Rly., London and North Western Rly., London, Brighton and South Coast Rly., London & South Western Rly., Midland Rly., North British Rly., North Eastern Rly., South Eastern & Chatham Rly., Tyne Steam Shipping Co.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## Classified List of Issues, November 1st, 1912—October 31st, 1913, inclusive.

| Class. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Class Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miscellaneous ... ... ... | 18 | 41 | 43 | 44 | 41 | 25 | 11 | 40 | 25 | 13 | 32 | 36 | 369 |
| Philosophy ... ... ... | 20 | 6 | 16 | 13 | 14 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 13 | 122 |
| Religion ... ... ... | 17 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 15 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 119 |
| Sociology ... ... .. | 18 | 15 | 9 | 14 | 26 | 15 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 136 |
| Philology ... ... ... | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Natural Science ... ... ... | 30 | 16 | 19 | 19 | 24 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 14 | 18 | 22 | 239 |
| Useful Arts ... ... ... | 45 | 23 | 22 | 33 | 45 | 42 | 14 | 22 | 21 | 29 | 22 | 30 | 348 |
| Fine Arts ... ... ... | 55 | 39 | 58 | 48 | 63 | 41 | 23 | 32 | 22 | 27 | 32 | 25 | 465 |
| *Belles Lettres*, Poetry and Drama ... | 67 | 58 | 79 | 64 | 119 | 76 | 45 | 55 | 55 | 46 | 36 | 49 | 749 |
| History, Travel and Biography ... | 221 | 171 | 201 | 196 | 309 | 187 | 91 | 150 | 145 | 167 | 144 | 182 | 2164 |
| Fiction ... ... ... | 4576 | 3594 | 3886 | 4121 | 5314 | 3472 | 1736 | 2858 | 2694 | 3460 | 3243 | 3498 | 42452 |
| Juvenile ... ... ... | 2431 | 1291 | 2772 | 3571 | 2395 | 2036 | 1859 | 2152 | 557 | 1508 | 2712 | 3077 | 26301 |
| Monthly Totals ... ... | 7501 | 5261 | 7119 | 8136 | 8368 | 5927 | 3812 | 5353 | 3554 | 5294 | 6260 | 6954 | 73539 |

Total Issues of previous years:

1894-95 :—28,087 vols.
1895-96 :—40,679 vols.
1896-97 :—40,618 vols.
1897-98 :—47,588 vols.
1898-99 :—38,839 vols.
1899-00 :—42,538 vols.
1900-01 :—47,277 vols.
1901-02 :—50,895 vols.
1902-03 :—52,836 vols.
1903-04 :—53,266 vols.
*1904-05 :—52,186 vols.
1905-06 :—64,205 vols.
1906-07 :—65,916 vols.
†1907-08 :—62,400 vols.
1908-09 :—82,409 vols.
‡1909-10 :—87,487 vols.
1910-11 :—72,144 vols.
1911-12 :—75,923 vols.

* No Juvenile Books or Tickets issued or used in 1904-05.

† Closed Two Months (March and April, 1908).

‡ Juvenile Department closed July—September, 1910.

# SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

## RETURN OF ISSUES.

| Name of School. | No. of Tickets issued. | Total Issue, 1912-13 |
|---|---|---|
| Higher Standard (Boys) ... ... | 394 | 3408 |
| Higher Standard (Girls) ... ... | 273 | 1844 |
| St. John's (Boys) ... ... ... | 137 | 1521 |
| St. John's (Girls) ... ... ... | 150 | 1185 |
| St. Michael's (Boys) ... ... ... | 196 | 708 |
| St. Michael's (Girls) ... ... ... | 149 | 1093 |
| Lawrence Street (Mixed) ... ... | 150 | 1338 |
| Victoria (Boys) ... ... ... | 226 | 1166 |
| Victoria (Girls) ... ... ... | 94 | 292 |
| Westfield (Mixed) ... ... ... | 100 | 402 |
| Siddick (Mixed) ... ... ... | 82 | 170 |
| North Side (Mixed) ... ... ... | 86 | 198 |
| St. Patrick's (R.C.) ... ... ... | 55 | 2364 |
| St. Michael's Road (R.C.) ... ... | 155 | 2151 |

No. of Readers, 2304.

| | |
|---|---|
| Vols. issued ... ... | 17,840 |
| Books issued from the Library | 2567 |
| Total ... | 20,407 |

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC LIBRARY AND LECTURE HALL REVENUE ACCOUNT for Year ended March 31st, 1913.

### INCOME.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Borough Rate—1d. Rate on Assessment after making deductions for voids and irrecoverables ... ... ... ... | 388 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Contribution from Stainburn Parish Council | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Contribution from Education Committee for Books ... ... ... ... ... | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Contribution from Education Committee towards Salary of Extra Assistant ... | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Corporation—Use of Council Chamber ... | 16 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Miscellaneous Receipts,—Advertisements, Fines, Sale of Catalogues &c. ... ... | 11 | 14 | 4 | | | |
| ,, Sales of Furniture ... ... ... ... | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 465 | 4 | 4 |
| ,, Balance ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | | 130 | 13 | 6 |
| | | | | £595 | 17 | 10 |
| ,, Lecture Hall Account— | | | | | | |
| Rents for Letting, &c. ... ... ... | 205 | 8 | 6 | | | |
| Balance ... ... ... ... ... | 16 | 1 | 10 | | | |
| | | | | 221 | 10 | 4 |
| | | | | £221 | 10 | 4 |

Signed,
JOHN NOBLE,
Borough Treasurer.

11th June, 1913.

### EXPENDITURE.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT: | | | | | | |
| To Balance overdrawn. March 31st, 1912 ... | 58 | 11 | 7 | | | |
| March 31st, 1913 :— | | | | | | |
| ,, Salaries—Librarian, Assistants and Caretaker (proportion) ... ... ... ... | 184 | 11 | 2 | | | |
| ,, Newspapers and Periodicals ... ... | 38 | 13 | 9 | | | |
| ,, New Books and Replacements ... ... | 103 | 13 | 1 | | | |
| ,, Re-binding ... ... ... ... ... | 40 | 15 | 5 | | | |
| ,, Printing, Stationery, &c. ... ... ... | 20 | 0 | 9 | | | |
| ,, Repairs and Sundries ... ... ... | 18 | 9 | 8 | | | |
| ,, Library Fittings and Furniture ... ... | 30 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Insurance ... ... ... ... ... | 5 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Petty Disbursements, per Librarian ... | 12 | 17 | 6 | | | |
| ,, Fuel, per Gas Works ... ... ... ... | 9 | 1 | 6 | | | |
| ,, Painting and Decorating ... ... ... | 12 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Printing New Catalogue ... ... ... | 54 | 1 | 11 | | | |
| ,, Conferences, &c. ... ... ... ... | 6 | 17 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | 595 | 17 | 10 |
| LECTURE HALL ACCOUNT: | | | | | | |
| By Gas Account ... ... ... ... ... | 20 | 12 | 5 | | | |
| ,, Rates and Taxes ... ... ... ... | 41 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Janitor's Fees, Cleaning and Sundries ... | 15 | 10 | 9 | | | |
| ,, Salaries (proportion) ... ... ... ... | 73 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Interest on Loans and Sinking Fund ... | 44 | 19 | 5 | | | |
| ,, Furniture, Repairs and Alterations... ... | 8 | 15 | 3 | | | |
| ,, Fuel, per Gas Works ... ... ... ... | 9 | 1 | 6 | | | |
| ,, Painting and Decorating ... ... ... | 3 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Insurance ... ... ... ... ... | 5 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 221 | 10 | 4 |
| | | | | £221 | 10 | 4 |

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## PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

# REPORT

— OF —

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

November 1st, 1913, to October 31st, 1914.

WORKINGTON:
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1914.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CARNEGIE HALL.

ELEVATIONS TO FINKLE STREET AND VULCAN'S LANE.

# Borough of Workington.

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# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

***Summary showing Members, Total Possible Number of Attendances at Meetings, Number Attended, and Percentage for such Attendances for the year 1913-14.***

| Members. | Library. | | Finance. | | Lecture Hall. | | Totals. | | Per Cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | |
| The Mayor (Ald. Highton) | 12 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 27 | 22 | 81.5 |
| Alderman W. Leitch ... | 12 | 5 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 5 | 41.6 |
| ,, J. Mc.Mullen ... | 12 | 8 | 12 | 8 | — | — | 24 | 16 | 66.6 |
| Councillor Casson ... | 12 | 6 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 6 | 50. |
| ,, Holden ... | 12 | 12 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 12 | 100. |
| ,, Lewis ... | 12 | 8 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 8 | 66.6 |
| ,, Towers ... | 12 | 4 | — | — | 3 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 26.6 |
| ,, Valentine ... | 12 | 0 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 0 | 0. |
| ,, Vaughan ... | 12 | 11 | — | — | 3 | 3 | 15 | 14 | 93.3 |
| Mr. J. Bowerbank ... | 12 | 3 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 3 | 25. |
| ,, D. Fraser ... ... | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 27 | 27 | 100. |
| ,, E. J. Hepworth ... | 12 | 9 | — | — | 3 | 2 | 15 | 11 | 73.3 |
| ,, J. Hope ... ... | 12 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 27 | 24 | 88.8 |
| ,, E. W. Mawson ... | 12 | 8 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 8 | 66.6 |
| ,, J. Warwick ... ... | 12 | 6 | — | — | 3 | 2 | 15 | 8 | 53.3 |

# LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

*Chairman—*

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR (Alderman R. E. HIGHTON, J.P., V.D.)

*Vice-Chairman—*

DONALD FRASER, Esq.

*Members of Committee—*

Alderman W. LEITCH, J.P.
,, J. MC.MULLEN.
Councillor L. CASSON.
,, J. HOLDEN.
,, W. LEWIS.
,, B. TOWERS, J.P.
,, G. VALENTINE.
Councillor J. VAUGHAN.
J. BOWERBANK, Esq.
E. J. HEPWORTH, Esq.
J. HOPE, Esq.
E. W. MAWSON, Esq.
J. WARWICK, Esq.

# STAFF.

| | | Appointed. |
|---|---|---|
| Librarian & Secretary | Mr. J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES | October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistant ... | Miss M. MC.KAY | January, 1906. |
| Senior Assistant ... | Miss E. SWINBURN | February, 1907. |
| Janitor ... ... | Mr. GEORGE NICHOLSON | June, 1905. |

# *DATA.*

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|---|---|
| Public Libraries Act Adopted ... ... ... | December, 1889. |
| Newsroom Opened ... ... ... ... ... | July 31st, 1890. |
| Lending and Reference Library Opened ... ... | November 2nd, 1891 |
| Half-Holiday Movement Adopted ... ... | May 13th, 1892. |
| Mr. Andrew Carnegie's Gift of £7,500 for the building of a New Public Library announced | June 5th, 1902. |
| Town Council gave Site in Finkle Street for New Library ... ... ... ... ... ... | September 2nd, 1902. |
| Messrs. Jas. I. Wilson & Co., Builders, Tender for the erection of the New Library accepted | May 25th, 1903. |
| Memorial Stone laid by the Mayor ... ... | September 10th, 1903. |
| Library and Lecture Hall Opened ... ... | October 6th, 1904. |
| Lecture Hall extended to seat 850 ... ... | Jan.—March, 1913. |

Population of Borough (1911)—25,099.

Area of Borough, 3,077 Acres. Rateable Value, £100,802.

Library Rate Levied, 1d. in the Pound.

Amount Received from the 1d. Rate, £385.

FORMER OFFICIALS :—

Date of Appointment and Resignation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Librarian ... | Mr. W. E. Jones | August, 1891—October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistants ... | Mr. Albert Hunt | May, 1897—October, 1900. |
| ,, | Miss S. J. Wood | October, 1900—June, 1907. |
| | Miss E. J. Peat | October, 1900—December, 1910. |

# REPORT

OF THE

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

November, 1913—October, 1914.

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington.

Gentlemen,

The Library Committee present their Twenty-third Annual Report for the year ending October 31st, 1914.

**Lecture Hall.**—The cost of extending the Lecture Hall last year, so as to seat 850 instead of 400 people, was £1,991 13s. 2d. A loan of £1,500 was obtained to be repaid within thirty years, and the Committee have decided that the balance of £491 13s. 2d. shall be cleared off from Revenue within the next five years.

The Income of the Lecture Hall since the Extension (April, 1913—March, 1914) was £372 2s. 6d., after providing for Establishment Charges, Sinking Fund and Interest, and a heavy increase (£14 to £46) for Rates and Taxes; the sum of £69 4s. 4d. was transferred to the Capital Account. In addition £10 was written off the Suspense Account (£50) for Museum Specimens. The Public Library Revenue Account will receive a substantial addition to its income after these special items are paid off.

**Lectures.**—The Course of Gilchrist Lectures organised last winter was very successful—the average attendance at each of the five lectures was 686, and there was a Credit Balance of £7 19s. 6d. The complete list of Lectures and Lecturers was as follows :—

Oct. 1—"Water and its Work."
By Prof. V. B. Lewes.

,, 15—"Labour and Art in English Life."
By Sir Chas. Waldstein.

,, 29—"Ancient Hunters."
By Prof. W. J. Sollas.

Nov. 12—"Defects and Curiosities of Sight."
By Prof. W. Stirling.

,, 26—"Lightning and Lightning Rods."
By Prof. J. Cox.

**Reading Rooms.**—The daily attendance in the Reading and Magazine Rooms has increased during the year considerably, probably due in the early part of the year to the crisis in political matters and later to the great European War. It is estimated that from 600 to 700 persons use the rooms daily, and during the year 15,705 volumes of bound magazines and periodicals have been returned to the shelves in the Magazine Room by the Staff.

**Lending Library.**—The Lending Department issued 65,266 volumes for home reading in comparison with 73,539 volumes for the year ended October 31st, 1913.

The stock of books in this department has improved considerably ; all books which were out of circulation have been re-bound and are now in use. There are still a large number of books to be replaced, but all the very dirty or worn out books were withdrawn from circulation and new copies obtained as far as funds would permit.

The total number of Readers' Tickets in use during the last three years is 5,268. These tickets all expired on October 31st, and to date 2,236 Readers have signed application forms for new tickets.

**Reference Library.**—No statistics are kept as to the number of books consulted in this Department, but attendance steadily increases. The use of the room for casual reading is

discouraged, but many students make use of the room nightly for serious study and the preparation of Essays, and for the information to be obtained from the Standard Encyclopædias.

**Juvenile Library.**—The system of dividing the stock of Books in this Department amongst the fourteen schools in the Borough and changing the supply every three months or on demand of the Head Teachers continues. The Education Committee grant £25 per annum for the upkeep of the Juvenile Department. £15 is spent on new books and £10 goes towards the salary of an Assistant. The Librarian reported to the Education Committee that owing to the increased circulation a large number of books were worn out, and others required re-binding. The Committee unanimously granted the sum of £9 for re-binding, and an extra £15 per annum for three years to replace the worn-out books.

The total number of Juvenile Books issued was 15.187 volumes. The number of Tickets issued to scholars was 804.

**Annual Stocktaking.**—The following is a summary as to the result of the Annual Stocktaking from May 1st—16th, during which period all books were called in for inspection.

The total number of books in the Library, excluding pamphlets and Patent Office publications is now 15,740 vols., an increase on the previous year of 343 vols. The stock in the various departments is as follows :—Lending Library, 10,431 vols. ; increase, 315 vols. ; Juvenile Library, 2,744 vols. ; increase, 9 vols. ; Reference Library, 2,565 vols. ; increase, 19 vols.

All books in the Lending and Juvenile Departments were accounted for ; in the Reference Library two are missing, total value, 4/-, viz. :—

No. 642—Present Position and Future Prospects of British Trade in South Africa, by Henry Birchenough. Published at 1/6.

No. 1746—Life of Andrew Marvell, by John Dove. Published at 2/6.

**Book Club.**—Subscribers to the Book Club or Subscription Department number 66 against 40 for the previous year. The subscriptions received amounted to £27 5s. 0d. against £16 18s. 0d. This year has been the most successful since the Club was formed. Last year 294 vols. were available, this year 510 vols. were purchased and members have had the exclusive use of these volumes for twelve months.

A special catalogue of the books purchased was printed and issued to members—these volumes will become part of the Lending Library Stock on January 3rd, 1915. Owing to the increase in the number of Subscribers, every endeavour has been made to purchase all the books suggested or enquired for by members, but the output of books of outstanding merit during the year was remarkably small, though the number of books to choose from was much higher than previous years.

The Annual Subscription is 10/6 for one volume at a time, 15/- for two volumes, and one guinea for a family ticket—four volumes.

(*Signed*),

R. E. HIGHTON, *Mayor and Chairman.*

DONALD FRASER, *Vice-Chairman.*

J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES, *Secretary.*

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

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I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington, in the County of Cumberland, the sum of £ : : , free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Library of the above Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and better equipment of the Institution.

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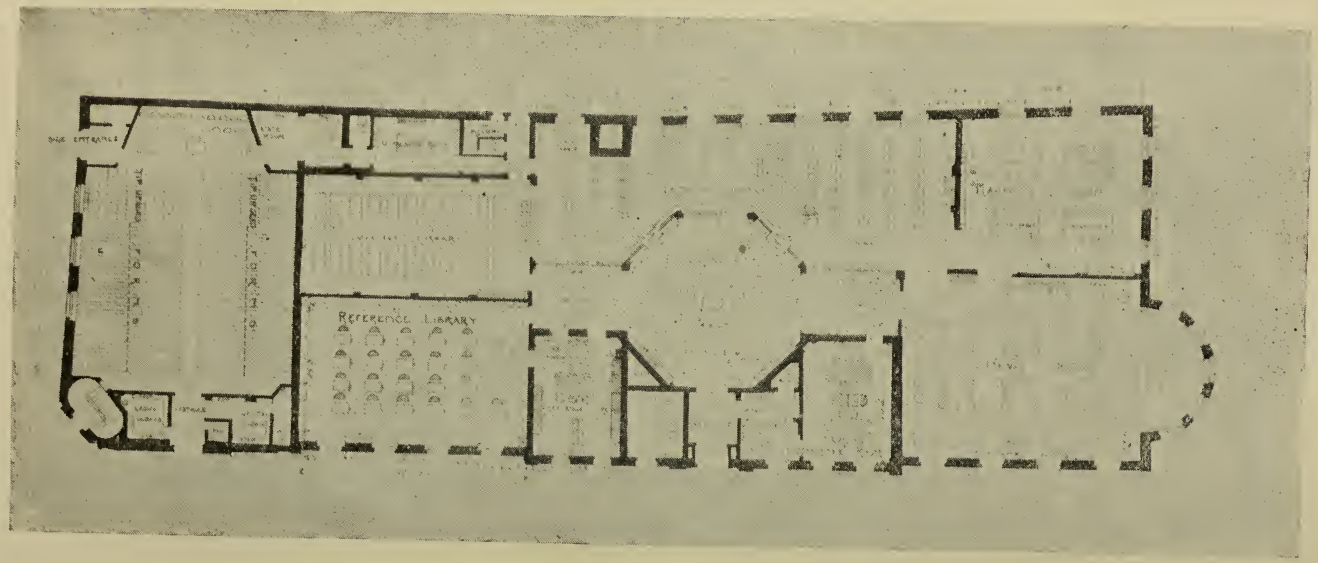
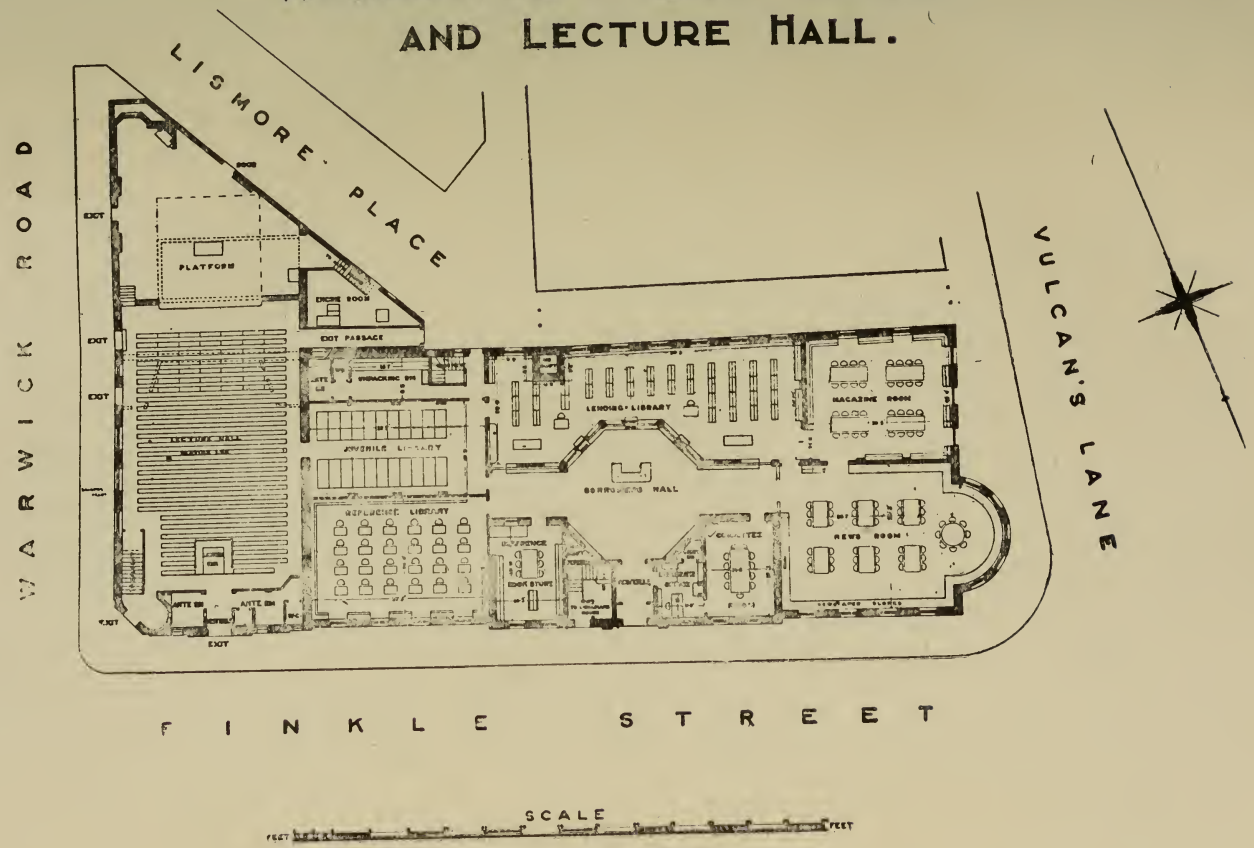
Donations of Books, Pictures, Statuary, or Art Collections of any kind, forwarded to the Borough Librarian, will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.




PLAN OF INTERIOR PRIOR TO EXTENSION OF LECTURE HALL.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND LECTURE HALL.

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## *List of Donations, 1913-14.*

Vols.

Allen, James. Meditations for every day of the year ... ... 1

Australia, Commonwealth of. Official Year Book, No. 6. 1901-12.

British Museum (Natural History), per The Director ... ... 11

Catalogue of the Library. Vol. IV. (1913).

,, ,, Ungulates. Vols. I. and II.

,, ,, British Species of Pisidium.

,, ,, Moths. Vol. XII. PLATES.

,, ,, South Nigerian Plants.

Special Guide. No. 6. Flight Exhibition.

Revision of the Ichneumonidæ. Part III.

Catalogue of Lepidoptera Phalænæ. Vol. *F*III. (Text and Plates)

Monograph of the Genus Sabicae.

Catalogue of the Cretaceous Flora, Part I.

Canadian Government. Department of Agriculture, per the Director 10

Reports, 1914. Central Experimental Farms.

Special Bulletins on Agricultural Subjects, &c.

——Bureau of Mines, per T. W. Gibson, Deputy Minister. 19th Report. Part 2. 1913. *maps*... ... ... ... 1

——Dept. of Education, per W. R. Nursey, Inspector of Public Libraries ... ... ... ... ... ... 4

Quarterly Lists of New Books suggested for Public Libraries. 1913-14.

——Dept. of Trade and Commerce, per Hon. G. E. Foster, M.P., Minister. The Canada Year Book, 1912. *second series* ... 1

——Municipalities. Programme of the Fourteenth Annual Convention, per the Sec. ... ... ... ... ... 1

——Hamilton, Ontario ; its History, &c., per H. M. Marsh, Commissioner of Industries ... ... ... ... 1

Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., The Committee of the.

The Story of the C.W.S. 1

Cumberland County Council—

Minutes of Council and Committees. Vol. XXV. 1913.

——and Westmorland Trades' Directory, per the Publishers. 1913-14 1

——County Council

Minutes of Council and Sub-Committees. 1913-14 ... 1

——Education Committee—

Minutes of Committee and Sub-Committees. Vol. II. 1913-14 per the Secretary ... ... ... ... ... 1

LIST OF DONATIONS, 1913-14 —continued.

Day, Mr. W. H. National Union of Teachers. Workington and District Association. Reports for 1913-14.

Emigrants' Information Office—
Emigration Circulars. October, 1913.

Fletcher, W. L. Esq., J.P., Stoneleigh, Workington ... ... 14
Humphreys, H. Noel. Genera and Species of British Butterflies.
——Genera of British Moths.
Newman, Ed. History of British Butterflies.
Ward, Herbt. My Life with Stanley's Rearguard.
Stanley, H. M. In Darkest Africa. 2 vols.
Gould, Nat. Sporting Novels... ... ... ... 8

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|---|---|
| Bred in the Bush | The Rajah's Racer. |
| In Low Water. | Warned Off. |
| Second String. | Silken Rein. |
| Racing Sinner | Riding to Win. |

Fryer, Alfred C. Vision of Saint Christopher, by Alfred C. Fryer. 1

Gateshead Public Library Record. Quarterly Parts, 1914, per The Librarian ... ... ... ... ... ... 4

Jarrold & Sons, per. Love while ye maye, by H. J. Swallow ... 1

Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co., Ltd. (Publishers).
Temples of the Orient and their Message. *Anon....* ... 1

Leamington Spa, per The Public Librarian.
Warwick & Leamington, by E. Haslehurst & G. Morley ... 1

Macdonald, A. P., Librarian, Dumbarton.
The Public Library and the Public ; *an article.* 1

Madeley, Chas., Sec. and Librarian, Warrington... ... ... 1
An Appeal to the Public in behalf of the General Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society. A Sermon (1819) by J. Richardson, Cockermouth.

Marsh, H. M., Esq., Commissioner of Industries, City Hall, Hamilton, Canada. ... ... ... ... ... ... 1
Hamilton, Ontario ; its History, &c.

National Committee for the Prevention of Destitution ... ... 2
National Conference on the Prevention of Destitution. Papers and Proceedings. 2 vols. 1911-12.

Page, Gregory A. ... ... ... ... ... ... 1
Wilhelm Meister's Theatrical Mission, by Johann W. von Goethe ; translated by Gregory A. Page.

Patent Office, New Zealand.
Patent Office Journal. *Illustrated.* Fortnightly Parts.

LIST OF DONATIONS, 1913-14—continued.

Royal Insurance Company, Ltd., The Manager
Records of Sports. 1914 ... ... ... ... 1
Town and County Directories, Ltd., Dalziel Place, Edinburgh.
Trades Directory, Cumberland and Westmorland. (1913-14) 1
Whitehaven Scientific Association, per J. Burlington.
Annual Journal. No. 15. Session 46. 1912-13 ... ... 1
Workington, Borough of.
Minutes of Council and Committees, per J. Warwick, Esq., Town Clerk.
Library Catalogues, Bulletins and Journals :—
Sunderland Library Circular : a Quarterly Record of Additions, with Notes on the Library, Museum and Art Gallery ... 4
——Special Reading List of Books on Modern Germany. (1914) Winter Session. Lectures ... ... ... ... 1
——Gateshead Public Library Record : Quarterly Parts (1914) 4
Library Reports :—
Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Barry, Batley, Battersea, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bury, Cardiff, Cark, Coventry, Croydon, Dewsbury, Dumbarton, Dundee, Ealing, Gateshead, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Harlesden, Hartlepool, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hull, Keighley, Kendal, Kettering, Leeds, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlesbrough, Nelson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Nottingham, Paisley, Penarth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, St. Helens, South Shields, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Waterloo-with-Seaforth, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Westminster, Wigan, Worcester, York.
American Library Reports :—
John Crerar, Library, Chicago, New York, Providence and Washington.

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## *Newspapers and Periodicals.*

### DAILIES.

Daily Citizen, Daily Dispatch, Daily Mail, Daily News, Telegraph, Freeman's Journal, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury, Manchester Guardian, North Mail, Sheffield Telegraph, Shipping Gazette, Times, Yorkshire Post.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—continued.

## BI-WEEKLIES.

Carlisle Journal, West Cumberland Times.

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## WEEKLIES.

Amateur Photographer, Arms and Explosives, Athletic News, Athenæum, Bazaar, Exchange and Mart, Board of Trade Journal, British Architect, Builder, Canada, Carpenter and Builder, Catholic Times, Chemical Trade Journal, Contractors' Record, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Weekly, Clarion, Co-operative News, Electrical Engineer, Engineering, The Garden, Gardener's Chronicle, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Illustrated London News, Iron and Coal Trades Review, Labour Leader, Labour News, Ladies' Pictorial, Local Government Officer, Journal, and Chronicle, Machinery Market, Nature, Notes and Queries, Patent Office Journal, Punch, Queen, Saturday Review, Science Siftings, Scientific American, Stage, Truth, Work, Workington News, Workington Star.

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## FORTNIGHTLIES.

University Correspondent.

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## MONTHLIES.

Agricultural Economist, Blackwood's Magazine, Bookman, Book Monthly, Boys' Own Paper, Canadian Municipal Journal, Chambers' Journal, Church Gazette, Contemporary Review, Cumulative Index and Readers' Guide, Engineering Magazine, Engineering Review, Fortnightly Review, Free Sunday Advocate, Garden City Associations Magazine, Girls' Own Paper, Harper's Magazine, Labour Gazette, Machinery, Millgate Magazine, Musical Herald, Nash's Magazine, Pall Mall, National Review, New-Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, Nonconformist Musical Journal, Patents, Plumbing Trade Journal, Printers' Register, Registrar General's Return—Deaths of Seamen, Review of Reviews, Strand Magazine, University Correspondent, Vulcan, Windsor Magazine, Woodworker, Zoophilist.

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## QUARTERLIES.

Book Auction Records, Herald of Health, Hibbert's Journal, Vanity Fair.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—continued.

## RAILWAY AND TOURIST GUIDES.

Cambrian Rly., Caledonian Rly., Cleator and Workington Junction Rly., Furness Rly., Glasgow & South Western Rly., Great Northern Rly. of Ireland, Great Western Rly., Great North of Scotland Rly., Great Eastern Rly., Great Central Rly., Great Southern & Western Rly., Highland Rly., Isle of Man Tourist Guide, Lancashire & Yorkshire Rly., London and North Western Rly., London, Brighton and South Coast Rly., London & South Western Rly., Midland Rly., North British Rly., North Eastern Rly., South Eastern & Chatham Rly., Tyne Steam Shipping Co.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## *Classified List of Issues, November 1st, 1913—October 31st, 1914, inclusive.*

| Class. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Class Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miscellaneous ... ... ... | 29 | 21 | 33 | 24 | 22 | 29 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 23 | 26 | 224 |
| Philosophy ... ... ... | 10 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 77 |
| Religion ... ... ... | 9 | 7 | 13 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 90 |
| Sociology ... ... ... | 20 | 17 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 124 |
| Philology ... ... ... | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 15 |
| Natural Science ... ... ... | 20 | 18 | 25 | 20 | 21 | 7 | 5 | 18 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 181 |
| Useful Arts ... ... ... | 37 | 28 | 36 | 29 | 35 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 13 | 17 | 16 | 29 | 267 |
| Fine Arts ... ... ... | 55 | 37 | 55 | 53 | 38 | 29 | 14 | 19 | 27 | 35 | 33 | 38 | 433 |
| *Belles Lettres*, Poetry and Drama ... | 69 | 44 | 79 | 61 | 75 | 52 | 18 | 42 | 39 | 54 | 39 | 49 | 621 |
| History, Travel and Biography ... | 212 | 163 | 222 | 172 | 178 | 132 | 49 | 91 | 104 | 131 | 135 | 164 | 1753 |
| Fiction ... ... ... | 4361 | 3422 | 5088 | 3989 | 3686 | 2926 | 1379 | 2454 | 2519 | 3252 | 2697 | 3519 | 39292 |
| Juvenile ... ... ... | 3715 | 935 | 1211 | 3637 | 1879 | 1091 | 1358 | 1490 | 989 | 742 | 2858 | 2284 | 22189 |
| Monthly Totals ... ... | 8539 | 4696 | 6786 | 8013 | 5955 | 4284 | 2844 | 4144 | 3728 | 4281 | 5834 | 6162 | 65266 |

Total Issues of previous years:

1894-95 :—28,087 vols.
1895-96 :—40,679 vols.
1896-97 :—40,618 vols.
1897-98 :—47,588 vols.
1898-99 :—38,839 vols.
1899-00 :—42,538 vols.
1900-01 :—47,277 vols.
1901-02 :—50,895 vols.
1902-03 :—52,836 vols.
1903-04 :—53,266 vols.
*1904-05 :—52,186 vols.
1905-06 :—64,205 vols.
1906-07 :—65,916 vols.
†1907-08 :—62,406 vols.
1908-09 :—82,409 vols.
‡1909-10 :—87,487 vols.
1910-11 :—72,144 vols.
1911-12 :—75,923 vols.
1912-13 :—73,539 vols.

* No Juvenile Books or Tickets issued or used in 1904-05.

† Closed Two Months (March and April, 1908).

‡ Juvenile Department closed July—September, 1910.

# SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

## RETURN OF ISSUES.

| Name of School. | No. of Tickets issued. | Total Issue, 1913-14. |
|---|---|---|
| Higher Standard (Boys) ... ... | 131 | 3163 |
| Higher Standard (Girls) ... ... | 35 | 1586 |
| St. John's (Boys) ... ... ... | 58 | 1362 |
| St. John's (Girls) ... ... ... | 54 | 1231 |
| St. Michael's (Boys) ... ... ... | 63 | 1110 |
| St. Michael's (Girls) ... ... ... | 62 | 1063 |
| Lawrence Street (Mixed) ... ... | 51 | 833 |
| Victoria (Boys) ... ... ... | 147 | 700 |
| Victoria (Girls) ... ... ... | 27 | 536 |
| Westfield (Mixed) ... ... ... | nil. | nil. |
| Siddick (Mixed) ... ... ... | 45 | 307 |
| North Side (Mixed) ... ... ... | 50 | 44 |
| St. Patrick's (R.C.) ... ... ... | 37 | 318 |
| St. Michael's Road (R.C.) ... ... | 44 | 490 |

No. of Readers, 804.

| | |
|---|---|
| Vols. issued ... ... | 12,743 |
| Books issued from the Library | 2,444 |
| Total ... | 15,187 |

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND BOOK CLUB REVENUE ACCOUNTS for Year ending March 31st, 1914.

| EXPENDITURE. | | | | INCOME. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March 31st, 1913—To Balance Overdrawn ... ... | £130 | 13 | 6 | By Borough Rate—on Assessment after making deductions for voids and irrecoverables ... ... ... | £385 | 0 | 0 |
| March 31st, 1914 :— | | | | ,, Contributions from Stainburn Parish Meeting ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| To Salaries—Librarian, Assistants and Caretaker (proportion) | 151 | 11 | 0 | ,, Contribution from Education Committee for Books ... | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Newspapers and Periodicals ... ... ... ... | 49 | 3 | 2 | ,, Contribution from Education Committee towards Salary of extra Assistant ... ... ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, New Books and Replacements ... ... ... | 69 | 10 | 11 | , Corporation—Use of Council Chamber ... ... | 16 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Re-binding ... ... ... ... ... | 33 | 1 | 5 | ,, Miscellaneous Receipts—Advertisements, Fines, Catalogues, Sales, &c. ... ... ... ... ... | 13 | 3 | 7 |
| ,, Printing, Stationery and Advertising ... ... ... | 27 | 5 | 3 | Balance ... ... ... ... | 90 | 11 | 8 |
| ,, Repairs and Sundries ... ... ... ... | 13 | 17 | 1 | | | | |
| ,, Library Fittings and Repairs ... ... ... | 13 | 16 | 0 | | | | |
| ,, Gas Fittings and Repairs for Gas Works ... ... | 6 | 12 | 7 | | | | |
| ,, Fuel for Gas Works (proportion) ... ... ... | 8 | 9 | 11 | | | | |
| ,, Petty Disbursements and Postages, per Librarian ... | 8 | 15 | 5 | | | | |
| ,, Painting and Decorating ... ... ... ... | 17 | 4 | 0 | | | | |
| ,, Conferences, &c. ... ... ... ... ... | 5 | 5 | 0 | | | | |
| | £535 | 5 | 3 | | £535 | 5 | 3 |

# WORKINGTON BOOK CLUB.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March 31st, 1913 :— | | | | March 31st, 1914 :— | | | |
| To Balance Overdrawn ... ... ... ... | £4 | 8 | 6 | By Subscriptions ... ... ... ... ... | £27 | 5 | 0 |
| March 31st, 1914 :— | | | | ,, Balance Overdrawn ... ... ... ... | 0 | 4 | 8 |
| To Books Purchased ... ... ... ... ... | 23 | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| | £27 | 9 | 8 | | £27 | 9 | 8 |

(*Signed*) JOHN NOBLE, *Borough Treasurer.*

## *Summary of the Lecture Hall Revenue and Lecture Hall Extension Accounts, 1913-14.*

### EXPENDITURE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 31st, 1913 :— | | | |
| To Balance Overdrawn ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | £16 1 10 |
| March 31st, 1914 :— | | | |
| To Gas Account ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | 14 3 9 |
| ,, Rates and Taxes—General and Poor Rates | £38 6 0 | | |
| Income Tax ... ... | 7 14 8 | | |
| | | | 46 0 8 |
| ,, Janitor's Fees Cleaning and Sundries ... ... ... | | | 3 10 0 |
| ,, Insurance ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | 12 0 3 |
| ,, Salaries, &c. (proportion) ... ... ... ... ... | | | 98 0 6 |
| ,, Furniture, Repairs and Alterations ... ... ... ... | | | 3 5 4 |
| Fuel ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | | | 14 12 6 |
| ,, Interest on Loans ... ... ... ... | £52 6 10 | | |
| ,, Sinking Fund ... ... ... ... ... | 32 16 6 | | |
| | | | 85 3 4 |
| ,, Museum Specimens (first instalment) ... ... ... | | | 10 0 0 |
| ,, Lecture Hall Capital Account ... ... ... ... | | | 69 4 4 |
| | | | £372 2 6 |

### INCOME.

| | |
|---|---|
| March 31st, 1914 :— | |
| By Rents for Letting ... ... ... ... ... ... | £372 2 6 |
| | £372 2 6 |

### Lecture Hall Extension Account :—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 31st, 1913— | | | |
| To Purchase of Land and Buildings— | | | |
| Mr. Murray's Property ... | £611 8 0 | | |
| Stamp Duty ... ... | 6 0 0 | | |
| Inquiry and Sundries ... | 11 8 8 | | |
| | | £628 16 8 | |
| ,, Alterations—Mr. T. Johnston's Contract ... | | 452 0 0 | |
| ,, Furniture and Fittings— | | | |
| Electrical Generating Plant, 2nd Instalment | | 39 18 6 | |
| Gas Fittings ... ... ... ... | | 3 2 9 | |
| Seating Contract ... ... ... ... | | 174 0 0 | |
| | | | £1,297 17 11 |
| March 31st, 1914 :— | | | |
| ,, Alterations— | | | |
| Mr. T. Johnston—Balance of Contract ... | | 503 6 9 | |
| ,, Furniture and Fittings— | | | |
| Electrical Fittings and Re-Wiring ... | | 104 12 6 | |
| Fireproof Curtain ... ... ... ... | | 60 0 0 | |
| Furniture ... ... ... ... | | 3 0 0 | |
| Heating Apparatus ... ... ... | | 22 16 0 | |
| | | | 693 15 3 |
| | | | £1,991 13 2 |

(*Signed*) JOHN NOBLE, *Borough Treasurer.*

### Lecture Hall Extension Account :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| March 31st, 1913 :— | | |
| By Loans Raised ... ... ... ... | £1,500 0 0 | |
| March 31st, 1914 :— | | |
| By Profit transferred from Revenue Account | 69 4 4 | |
| ,, Bankers—Balance due ... ... ... | 422 8 10 | |
| | | £1,991 13 2 |
| | | £1,991 13 2 |

# Borough of Workington.

PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

# REPORT

OF

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

November 1st, 1914, to October 31st, 1915.

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WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CARNEGIE HALL.

ELEVATIONS TO FINKLE STREET AND VULCAN'S LANE.

# Borough of Workington.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

# REPORT

—OF—

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

November 1st, 1914, to October 31st, 1915.

WORKINGTON:
PRINTED BY W. H. MOSS AND SONS LTD., 49, POW STREET.

1915.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

***Summary showing Members, Total Possible Number of Attendances at Meetings, Number Attended, and Percentage for such Attendances for the year 1914-5.***

| Members. | Library. | | Finance. | | Lecture Hall. | | Special Committees. | | Totals. | | Per Cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | |
| The Mayor (Ald. P. Walls) | 13 | 4 | — | — | 3 | 1 | — | — | 16 | 5 | 31.4 |
| Alderman R. E. Highton | 13 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 3 | — | — | 28 | 21 | 75. |
| ,, W. Leitch ... | 13 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 13 | 1 | 7.9 |
| ,, J. Mc.Mullen ... | 13 | 11 | 12 | 11 | — | — | — | — | 25 | 22 | 88. |
| Councillor Casson ... | 13 | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 13 | 6 | 46·2 |
| ,, Holden ... | 13 | 13 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 13 | 13 | 100. |
| ,, Lewis ... | 7 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | 3 | 42.6 |
| ,, Towers ... | 13 | 7 | — | — | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 11 | 61.2 |
| ,, Valentine ... | 13 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 23.1 |
| ,, Vaughan ... | 13 | 12 | — | — | 3 | 3 | — | — | 16 | 15 | 95.0 |
| ,, Wilson ... | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 100. |
| Mr. J. Bowerbank ... | 13 | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 13 | 5 | 38·6 |
| ,, D. Fraser ... ... | 13 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 29 | 29 | 100. |
| ,, E. J. Hepworth ... | 13 | 13 | — | — | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 16 | 100. |
| ,, J. Hope ... ... | 13 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 30 | 27 | 90. |
| ,, E. W. Mawson ... | 13 | 13 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 13 | 13 | 100. |
| , J. Warwick ... ... | 13 | 7 | — | — | — | — | 3 | 2 | 16 | 9 | 56.4 |

# LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

*Chairman—*

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR (Alderman P. WALLS, J.P.)

*Vice-Chairman—*

DONALD FRASER, ESQ.

*Members of Committee—*

Alderman R. E. HIGHTON, J.P.
,, W. LEITCH, J.P.
,, J. MC. MULLEN.
Councillor L. CASSON.
,, J. HOLDEN.
,, D. LEWIS.
,, B. TOWERS, J.P.
,, G. VALENTINE.
Councillor G. VAUGHAN.
,, J. WILSON.
J. BOWERBANK, Esq.
E. J. HEPWORTH, Esq.
J. HOPE, Esq.
E. W. MAWSON, Esq.
J. WARWICK, Esq.

# STAFF.

| | | Appointed. |
|---|---|---|
| Librarian & Secretary ... | Mr. J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES ... | October, 1895. |
| Senior Assistant ... | Miss FLORENCE PURVES ... | March, 1915. |
| Junior Assistant .. | Miss MABEL RELPH ... | July, 1915. |
| Janitor ... | Mr. GEORGE NICHOLSON ... | June, 1905. |

# *DATA.*

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|---|---|
| Public Libraries Act Adopted ... ... ... ... | December, 1889. |
| Newsroom Opened ... ... ... ... ... | July 31st, 1890. |
| Lending and Reference Library Opened ... ... | November 2nd, 1891. |
| Half-Holiday Movement Adopted ... ... ... | May 13th, 1892. |
| Mr. Andrew Carnegie's Gift of £7,500 for the building of a New Public Library announced ... | June 5th, 1902. |
| Town Council gave Site in Finkle Street for New Library ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | September 2nd, 1902. |
| Messrs. Jas. I. Wilson & Co., Builders, Tender for the erection of the New Library accepted ... | May 25th, 1903. |
| Memorial Stone laid by the Mayor ... ... ... | September 10th, 1903. |
| Library and Lecture Hall Opened ... .. ... | October 6th, 1904. |
| Lecture Hall Extended to seat 850 ... .. .. | Jan.—Mar., 1913. |

Population of the Borough (1911)—25,099.

Area of Borough, 3077 Acres. Rateable Value, £100,802.

Library Rate Levied, 1d. in the Pound.

Amount Received from the 1d. Rate, £385 0s. 0d.

FORMER OFFICIALS:—

Date of Appointment and Resignation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Librarian ... | Mr. W. E. Jones ... | August, 1891—October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistants ... | Miss S. J. Wood ... | Oct., 1900—(d) June, 1907. |
| ,, ... | Miss E. J. Peat ... | Oct., 1900—Dec., 1910. |
| ,, ... | Miss E. Swinburn ... | Feb., 1907—(d) Feb., 1915. |
| ,, ... | Miss M. Mc.Kay ... | January, 1906—July, 1915. |

# REPORT

—OF THE—

# Public Library Committee

## November, 1914—October, 1915.

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington.

Gentlemen,

The Library Committee present their Twenty-fourth Annual Report for the year ended October 31st, 1915.

**Lecture Hall.**—The wisdom of doubling the seating accommodation of the Lecture Hall has been further shown this year if judged by the large number of persons resorting to it as a place of instruction and amusement.

The tenant, at his own expense, has enlarged the balcony; increased the area allotted to each person, and has provided three rows of new plush tip-up chairs, all of which improvements add to the comfort of frequenters of the balcony.

The income from rents, etc., after providing for Establishment Charges, Interest and Sinking Fund on the Loan of £1,500 for extension, was apportioned as follows:—£70 to the Lecture Hall Extension Account, £10 to the Suspense Account for Museum Specimens, and £21 19s. 2d. to the Library Revenue Account.

**Reading Rooms.**—The attendance in the Reading and Magazine Rooms is still above the average. It is estimated that 700 persons visit these rooms daily. During the year

17,469 vols. of bound magazines and periodicals have been returned to the shelves in the Magazine Room by the staff.

**Lending Library.**—A further decrease in the issue of books for home reading is reported this year. Two years ago the total issue was 73,539 vols., last year the issue to October 31st, 1914, was 65,266 vols., this year the issue is 59,352 vols. An increase in the use of the Reading Rooms and a decrease in the use of books from the Lending Library would seem to indicate that the public generally are deeply engrossed in the great European War—following its varying fortunes through the medium of the press, the magazines and illustrated papers.

**Reference Library.**—No statistics are kept as to the attendance or number of books issued in this department, but the use made of this room has been considerably less than in former years.

**Juvenile Library.**—The various Schools in the Borough are supplied periodically with a stock of books according to the number of scholars at each school.

The Grants from the Education Committee this year amounted to £40, viz.—£15 for new books, £15 for replacements, and £10 towards an Assistant's Salary. The total number of Juvenile Books issued was 19,087. The number of tickets issued was 1,473.

**Book Club.**—Subscribers to the Book Club or Subscription Department number 49, against 66 for the previous year. The Subscriptions received amounted to £17 12s. 6d. The number of books purchased was 290.

The previous year was a record one in the number of Subscribers and number of books purchased, but this year there is a considerable falling off, which probably may be attributed to the general interest in newspapers and magazine

literature at the present time, to which reference has been made above.

**Annual Stocktaking.**—The following summarises the result of the Annual Stocktaking at the Public Library from May 1st—15th, during which period all books were called in for inspection.

The total number of books in the Library excluding pamphlets and Patent Office publications is now 16,244 vols., an increase over the previous year of 504 vols. The stock of the various departments is as follows:—Lending Library 10,722 vols., increase 291 vols. Juvenile Library 2,859 vols., increase 115 vols. Reference Library 2,663 vols., increase 98 vols.

The cost of re-binding 631 volumes in the Lending Department is estimated at £39; to replace 316 worn out or dirty, £39 10s. 0d.; and to re-bind 43 and replace 1 in the Reference Library about £3 additional.

The estimated cost of re-binding 221 books in the Juvenile Department is £13, and for the replacement of 247 worn-out books £24.

The total number of Readers Tickets now in force is 3,070, all of which have been issued since October, 1914.

The following books were reported as missing:—

*Lending Library.*—Nil.

*Juvenile Library.*—3 vols., total value 4s. 4d.

No. 622. Dr. Luttrell's First Patent by R. N. Carey.

No. 669. Chemistry, by W. A. Tilden.

No. 1,647. As You Like It, by Wm. Shakespeare.

*Reference Library.*—2 vols., total value £2 10s. 0d.

No. 1,336. Outline of the Metallurgy of Iron and Steel, by A. Humboldt-Sexton.

No. 1,348. Treatise on Ore and Stone Mining, by Sir C. Foster.

**Personnel.**—The Library has experienced some personal losses during the year. The death of Councillor D. Lewis removed a useful and enthusiastic member from the Committee; whilst by the sudden death of Miss Eleanor Swinburn the Committee were deprived of an efficient Senior Assistant, who had nearly ten years faithful service to her credit.

In July last, Miss Mc.Kay, the Senior Assistant, secured well merited promotion as Senior Female Assistant in the Reference Department of the Sheffield Public Libraries.

It may be of interest to record that the Librarian completed twenty years' service this year, and during that time has had four Chief Assistants; two have died—Miss S. J. Wood and Miss Swinburn, and the others have obtained two of the best positions in the important Public Libraries of Middlesbrough—where Miss E. J. Peat has recently been promoted to full charge of the new Reference Department—and Miss Mc.Kay to Sheffield.

(Signed)

PATRICK WALLS, *Mayor and Chairman.*

DONALD FRASER, *Vice-Chairman.*

J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES, *Secretary.*

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington, in the County of Cumberland, the sum of £ : : , free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Library of the above Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and better equipment of the Institution.

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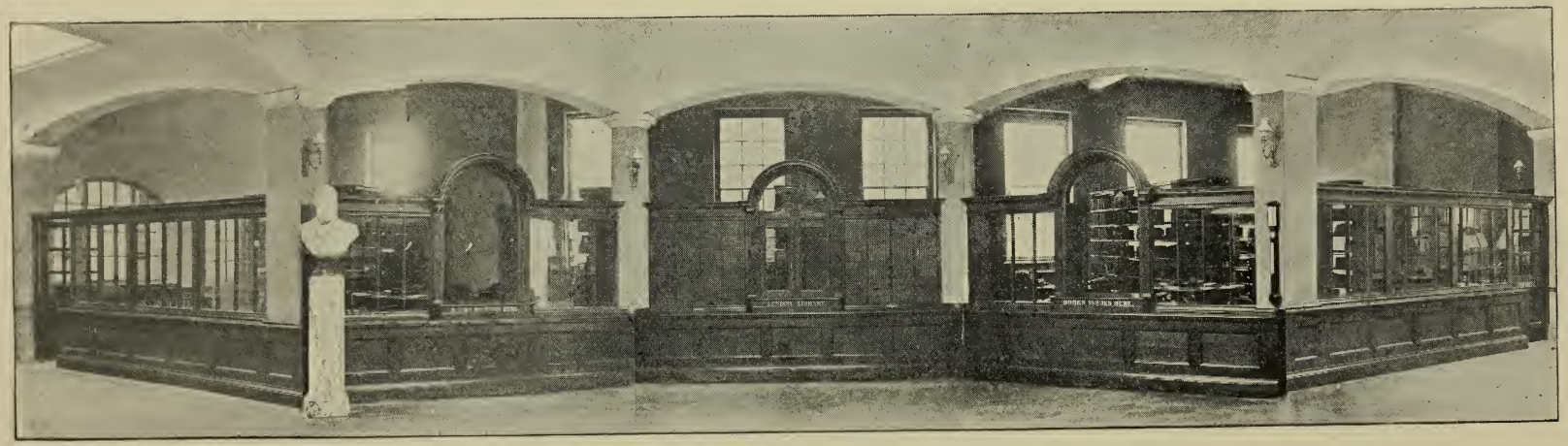
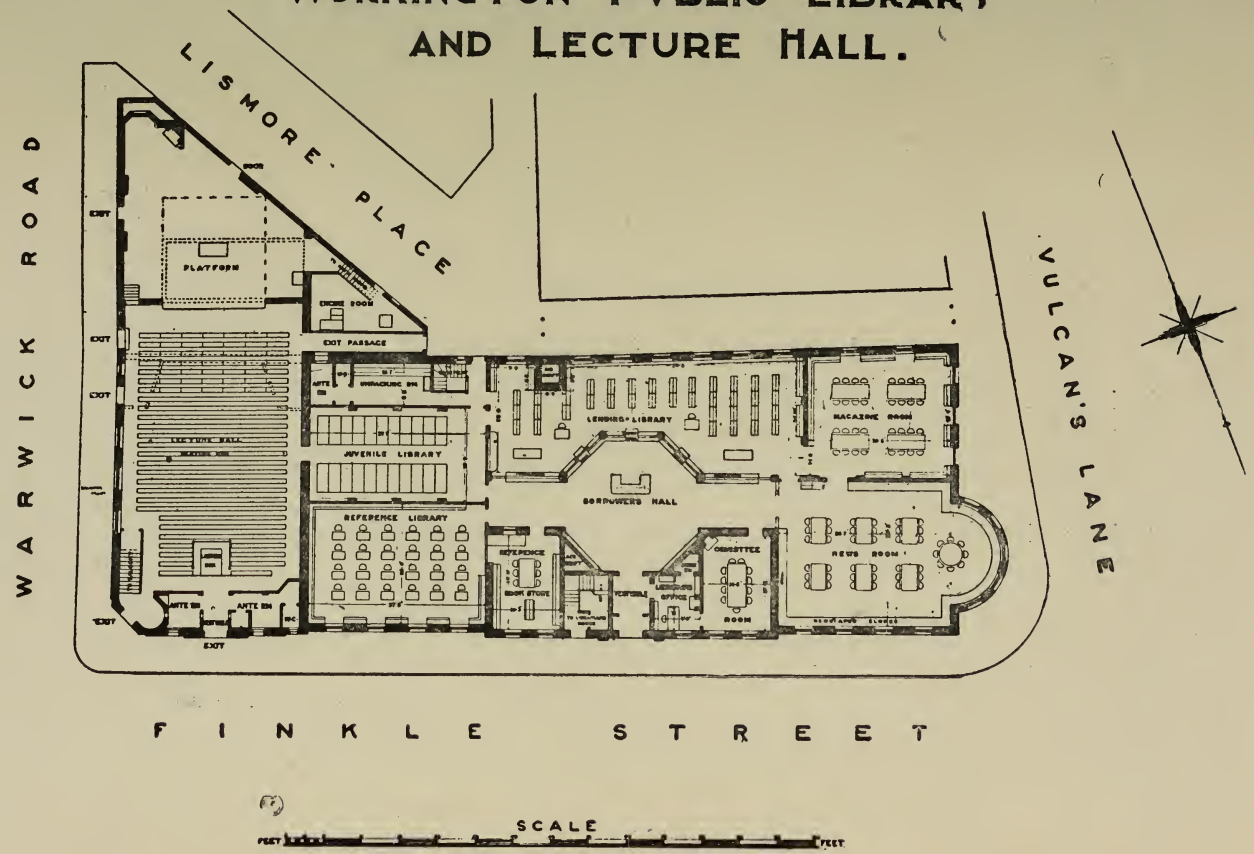
Donations of Books, Pictures, Statuary, or Art Collections of any kind, forwarded to the Borough Librarian, will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.



BORROWERS' HALL.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND LECTURE HALL.



# *List of Donations, 1914-15.*

| | Vols. |
|---|---|
| Animals' Friend Society. The Morality of Field Sports, by Prof. E. A. Freeman ... ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| Anon. Killing for Sport, per the Committee, Humanitarian League, Lond., W.C. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| Australia, Commonwealth Bureau of. Official Year Book, No. 7. 1901-13. Per G. H. Knibbs ... .. ... ... .. | 1 |
| Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Leaflets. Whitehall Place, London ... | 5 |
| Canada. Dept. of Agriculture. Report of the Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner, 1914 .. ... ... ... .. | 1 |
| Canadian Dept. of Education, per W. R. Nursey, Inspector of Public Libraries ... .. ... ... ... | 1 |
| ——Government, per The Secretary, High Commissioner for Canada. "The Canadian Year Book," 1913 ... ... ... | 1 |
| ——Government, per the High Commissioner for Canada Industries. 6 vols. Dept. of Trade and Commerce Report for 1914 ... ... | 6 |
| Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. First Annual Report, 1914, per The Secretary, Dunfermline ... ... ... .. | 1 |
| Cumberland Education Committee, per The Secretary, Carlisle. Minutes of Committee and Sub-Committees. Vol. XII. 1914-15 ... | 1 |
| ——Education Committee, per The Secretary. Eleventh Annual Report, 1913-4 ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| ——County Council, per The Secretary. Minutes of Council and Committees. Vol. XXVI. 1914 ... ... .. ... | 1 |
| Emigrants' Information Office. Emigration Circulars, October, 1914. | |
| ,, ,, Quarterly Circulars (12 copies). Canada, Australasia, South Africa combined. | |
| ,, ,, Emigration Circulars. January, 1915. April, 1915. July, 1915. | |
| French Yellow Book, per Central Committee, London, W.C. ... ... | 2 |
| Gateshead Library Record. January—October, 1914, per The Librarian ... | 4 |
| Handbook of Patent Law of all Countries, per W. P. Thompson, Lord Street, Liverpool ... ... ... ... ... | 1 |

LIST OF DONATIONS, 1914-15—continued.

Hindmarsh, Mr. W. History of the Presbyterians in England, by Rev. A. H. Drysdale, M.A. ... ... ... ... 1

Huntrods, J., Esq., Alameda, Workington. The People's King: Short Life of Edward VII., by W. H. White .. ... ... 1

Holden, Councillor E. J., Workington. Journal Iron and Steel Institute. No. 1. 1884. ... ... .. ... ... 1

Keighley Public Library, Catalogue of. Per the Librarian ... ... 1

London College of Music ... ... ... ... ... 1

(1.) Syllabus of Requirements for the Local and Higher Examinations for 1915.

(2.) Syllabus of School Centre Examinations.

(3.) Prospectus of Education Department.

London University Guide and Correspondence. College Calendar. (Latest Issue). ... ... ... ... ... ... 1

Longmans Green & Co., Messrs., Publishers, London. 1 Vol. Mystery of Existence, by Chas. W. Armstrong. .. ... ... 1

Lydekker, R. Catalogue of the Ungulate Mammals in the British Museum (Natural History). Vol III. ... ... ... ... 1

National Temperance Federation, per The President, Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S.

"Famous Fanatics," by Guy Hayler. ... ... .. 1

"Prohibition Advance in all Lands," by Guy Hayler. ... 1

Newcastle-on-Tyne Public Libraries, per Basil Anderton, M.A , Public Librarian. Catalogue of Parliamentary Papers in the Reference Department, 1915.

Our Animal Brothers' Guild, Bristol, per The Secretary. Vol. 1-10 .. 10

Royal Colonial Institute, Northumberland Avenue, London. "Our Just Cause" ... .. ... ... ... .. 1

Sells, Ltd., London. "Twentieth Century Impressions of Canada," per the Publishers. ... ... ... ... ... 1

Urquhart, James. Life and Teaching of William H. Gillespie ... 1

Workington, Borough of, per Town Clerk ... ... ... 3

——Minutes of Council and Sub-Committees, Nov.-Oct., 1914-15.

——Award of Common Lands, Charters, Charities, and Benevolent Institutes pertaining to the Ancient Parish of Workington, 1914.

LIST OF DONATIONS, 1914-15—continued.

——Abstract of Accounts, per J. Noble, Borough Treasurer, 1914-15.

——Education Committee. Annual Report of the School Medical Officer ..

,, ,, Minutes of Committee and Sub-Committee ... 1

LIBRARY REPORTS :—

Accrington, Altrincham, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Barry, Batley, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bury, Chelsea, Cork, Croydon, Dewsbury Dundee, Eastbourne, Gateshead, Gloucester, Hackney, Harlesden, Hartlepool, Hornsey, Hove, Hull, Ilkley, Keighley, Kensal Rise, Kettering, Kidderminster, Leeds, Leicester, Lincoln, Loughborough, Middlesborough, Nelson, Nottingham, Penarth, Plymouth, Richmond, South Shields, St. Helens, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, West Bromwich, Whitehaven, Wigan, Willesden, Worcester, Yarmouth, York.

AMERICAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES :—

John Crerar Library, Chicago ; New York ; Providence ; Hudson.

## *Newspapers and Periodicals.*

### DAILIES.

Daily Dispatch, Daily Mail, Daily News, Telegraph, Freeman's Journal, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury, Manchester Guardian, North Mail, Sheffield Telegraph, Shipping Gazette, Times, Yorkshire Post, L'Independence Belgé.

### BI-WEEKLIES.

Carlisle Journal, West Cumberland Times.

### WEEKLIES.

Amateur Photographer, Arms and Explosives, Athletic News, Athenæum, Bazaar, Exchange and Mart, Board of Trade Journal, British Architect, Canada, Carpenter and Builder, Catholic Times, Chemical Trade Journal, Contractors' Record, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Weekly, Clarion, Co-operative News, Electrical Engineer, Engineering, The Garden, Gardener's Chronicle,

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—continued.

Gentlewoman, Graphic, Illustrated London News, Iron and Coal Trades Review, Labour Leader, Labour News, Ladies' Pictorial, Local Government Officer, Journal and Chronicle, Machinery Market, Nature, Notes and Queries, Patent Office Journal, Punch, Queen, Sanitary Record, Saturday Review, Science Siftings, Scientific American, Stage, Truth, Work, Workington News, Workington Star.

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## FORTNIGHTLIES.

University Correspondent.

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## MONTHLIES.

Agricultural Economist, Agricultural Record, Art Journal, Blackwood's Magazine, Bookman, Book Monthly, Boys' Own Paper, Canadian Municipal Journal, Chambers' Journal, Church Gazette, Contemporary Review, Engineering Magazine, Engineering Review, English Illustrated Review, English Illustrated Magazine, Fortnightly Review, Free Sunday Advocate, Girls' Own Paper, Harper's Magazine, Labour Gazette, Magazine of Commerce, Millgate Magazine, Musical Herald, National Review, New-Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, Nonconformist Musical Journal, Pall Mall Magazine, Patents, Plumbing Trade Journal, Printers' Register, Registrar General's Return—Deaths of Seamen, Review of Reviews, Strand Magazine, University Correspondent, Vulcan, Woodworker, Zoophist.

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## QUARTERLIES.

Book Auction Records. Herald of Health. Hibbert's Journal.

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## RAILWAY AND TOURIST GUIDES.

Cambrian Rly., Caledonian Rly., Cleator and Workington Junction Rly., Furness Rly., Glasgow & South Western Railway, Great Northern Rly of Ireland, Great Western Rly., Great North of Scotland Rly., Great Eastern Rly., Great Central Rly., Great Southern and Western Rly., Highland Rly., Isle of Man Tourist Guide, Lancashire and Yorkshire Rly., London and North Western Rly., London, Brighton and South Coast Rly., London and South Western Rly., Midland Rly., North British Rly., North Eastern Rly., South Eastern & Chatham Rly., Tyne Steam Shipping Co.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## *Classified List of Issues, November 1st, 1914—October 31st, 1915, inclusive.*

| Class. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Class Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miscellaneous ... ... ... | 26 | 14 | 23 | 11 | 20 | 23 | 12 | 51 | 52 | 62 | 89 | 104 | 487 |
| Philosophy ... ... ... | 1 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 20 | 72 |
| Religion ... ... ... | 7 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 21 | 84 |
| Sociology ... ... ... | 9 | 6 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 24 | 125 |
| Philology ... ... ... | 4 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 17 | 23 | 69 |
| Natural Science ... ... ... | 13 | 4 | 12 | 26 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 24 | 130 |
| Useful Arts ... ... ... | 11 | 21 | 19 | 38 | 34 | 18 | 9 | 15 | 19 | 8 | 21 | 34 | 247 |
| Fine Arts ... ... ... | 38 | 26 | 35 | 31 | 39 | 32 | 12 | 16 | 28 | 22 | 36 | 44 | 359 |
| *Belles Lettres*, Poetry and Drama ... | 34 | 41 | 60 | 56 | 51 | 48 | 11 | 10 | 20 | 14 | 10 | 61 | 416 |
| History, Travel and Biography ... | 121 | 125 | 150 | 123 | 129 | 112 | 46 | 58 | 90 | 69 | 78 | 146 | 1247 |
| Fiction ... ... ... | 2881 | 2540 | 3880 | 3557 | 3353 | 2940 | 1385 | 2520 | 3196 | 2394 | 2441 | 3254 | 34341 |
| Juvenile ... ... ... | 2290 | 1350 | 2303 | 2597 | 2023 | 820 | 927 | 2677 | 1203 | 411 | 2486 | 2688 | 21775 |
| Monthly Totals ... ... | 5435 | 4148 | 6514 | 6470 | 5679 | 4024 | 2412 | 5358 | 4637 | 3023 | 5209 | 6443 | 59352 |

Total Issues of previous years:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1894-95 :—28,087 vols. | 1899-00 :—42,538 vols. | *1904-05 :—52,186 vols. | ‡1909-10 :—87,487 vols. |
| 1895-96 :—40,679 vols. | 1900-01 :—47,277 vols. | 1905-06 :—64,205 vols. | 1910-11 :—72,144 vols. |
| 1896-97 :—40,618 vols. | 1901-02 :—50,895 vols. | 1906-07 :—65,916 vols. | 1911-12 :—75,923 vols. |
| 1897-98 :—47,588 vols. | 1902-03 :—52,836 vols. | †1907-08 :—62,406 vols. | 1912-13 :—73,539 vols. |
| 1898-99 :—38,839 vols. | 1903-04 :—53,266 vols. | 1908-09 :—82,409 vols. | 1913-14 :—65,266 vols. |

* No Juvenile Books or Tickets issued or used in 1904-05.

† Closed Two Months (March and April, 1908).

‡ Juvenile Department closed July—September, 1910.

# SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

## RETURN OF ISSUES.

| Name of School. | No. of Tickets issued. | Total Issue, 1914-15. |
|---|---|---|
| Higher Standard (Boys) ... ... | 310 | 4099 |
| Higher Standard (Girls) ... ... | 155 | 1414 |
| St. John's (Boys) ... ... ... | 131 | 804 |
| St. John's (Girls) ... ... ... | 127 | 1033 |
| St. Michael's (Boys) ... ... ... | 88 | 1092 |
| St. Michael's (Girls) ... ... ... | 91 | 1050 |
| Lawrence Street (Mixed) ... ... | 53 | 523 |
| Victoria (Boys) ... ... ... | 181 | 681 |
| Victoria (Girls) ... ... ... | 62 | 228 |
| Westfield (Mixed) ... ... ... | nil. | nil. |
| Siddick (Mixed) ... ... ... | 63 | 181 |
| North Side (Mixed) ... ... ... | 62 | 289 |
| St. Patrick's (R.C.) ... ... ... | 96 | nil. |
| St. Michael's Road (R.C.) ... ... | 55 | nil. |

No. of Readers, 1,473. Vols. issued ... ... 11,394

Books issued from the Library 7,693

Total ... 19,087

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND BOOK CLUB REVENUE ACCOUNTS for Year ending March 31st, 1915.

| EXPENDITURE. | | | | INCOME. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March 31st, 1914—To Balance Overdrawn | £90 | 11 | 8 | March 31st, 1915:— | | | |
| March 31st, 1915:— | | | | By Borough Rate—as per Assessment after making deductions for voids and irrecoverables | £387 | 10 | 0 |
| To Salaries—Librarian, Assistants and Caretaker | 159 | 10 | 5 | ,, Contribution from Stainburn Parish Meeting | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Newspapers and Periodicals | 46 | 0 | 9 | ,, Contribution from Education Committee for Juvenile Books | 39 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, New Books and Replacements | 135 | 17 | 4 | ,, Contribution from Education Committee towards Salary of extra Assistant | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Binding | 22 | 4 | 3 | ,, Corporation—Use of Council Chamber | 16 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c. | 22 | 1 | 11 | ,, Miscellaneous Receipts—Advertisements, Fines, Catalogues, Sales, &c. | 19 | 1 | 11 |
| ,, New Fittings, Repairs and Sundries | 23 | 7 | 3 | ,, Lecture Hall Profit | 21 | 19 | 2 |
| ,, Gas Fittings and Repairs per Gas Works | 4 | 11 | 8 | Balance | 64 | 12 | 10 |
| ,, Petty Disbursements per Librarian | 10 | 3 | 6 | | | | |
| ,, Fuel per Gas Works | 12 | 17 | 2 | | | | |
| ,, Painting and Decorating | 25 | 2 | 0 | | | | |
| ,, New Catalogue—Printing | 8 | 16 | 0 | | | | |
| ,, Specimens for Museum | 2 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| | £563 | 13 | 11 | | £563 | 13 | 11 |

# WORKINGTON BOOK CLUB.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March 31st, 1914:— | | | | March 31st, 1915:— | | | |
| To Balance Overdrawn | £0 | 4 | 8 | By Subscriptions | £15 | 16 | 0 |
| March 31st, 1915:— | | | | | | | |
| To Books Purchased | 15 | 9 | 11 | | | | |
| Balance in hand | 0 | 1 | 5 | | | | |
| | £15 | 16 | 0 | | £15 | 16 | 0 |

## *Summary of the Lecture Hall Revenue and Extension Accounts, for Year ending March 31st, 1915.*

| EXPENDITURE. | | | INCOME. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maarch 31s , 1915 :— | | | March 31st, 1915 :— | |
| To Gas Account .. .. .. .. .. | | 12 4 11 | By Rents for Letting .. .. .. .. .. | £372 2 6 |
| ,, Rates and Taxes—General and Poor Rates .. | £38 18 10 | | | |
| Income Tax .. .. | 10 6 2 | | | |
| | | 49 5 0 | | |
| ,, Janitor's Fees, Cleaning, etc. .. .. .. .. | | 2 2 1 | | |
| ,, Insurance .. .. .. .. .. | | 8 18 0 | | |
| ,, Salaries—Secretary and Janitor .. .. .. | | 100 8 9 | | |
| ,, Fuel per Gas Works .. .. .. .. | | 10 8 1 | | |
| ,, Interest on Loans .. .. .. .. .. | | 54 0 0 | | |
| ,, Sinking Fund .. .. .. .. .. | | 32 16 6 | | |
| ,, Museum Specimens—2nd Instalment .. .. .. | | 10 0 0 | | |
| ,, Lecture Hall—Capital Account .. .. .. | | 70 0 0 | | |
| ,, Library Revenue Account—Profit .. .. .. | | 21 19 2 | | |
| | | £372 2 6 | | £372 2 6 |

| LECTURE HALL EXTENSION CAPITAL ACCOUNT:— | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| March 31st, 1914 :— | | | | |
| To Bankers—Balance Overdrawn .. .. .. | | £422 8 10 | March 31st, 1915 :— | |
| March 31st, 1915 :— | | | By Lecture Hall—Profit transferred .. .. .. | £70 0 0 |
| ,, Alterations—Contract .. .. .. .. | | 14 19 0 | ,, Bankers—Balance due .. .. .. .. | 367 7 10 |
| | | £437 7 10 | | £437 7 10 |

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## PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

# REPORT

— OF —

# PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

November 1st, 1915, to October 31st, 1916.

WORKINGTON:
PRINTED BY W. H. MOSS AND SONS LTD., 49, POW STREET.

1916.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CARNEGIE HALL.

ELEVATIONS TO FINKLE STREET AND VULCAN'S LANE.

# Borough of Workington.

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# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

***Summary showing Members, Total Possible Number of Attendances at Meetings, Number Attended, and Percentage for such Attendances for the year 1915-6.***

| Members. | Library. | | Finance. | | Lecture Hall. | | Totals. | | Per Cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | Possible | Actual | |
| The Mayor (Ald. P. Walls) | 12 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 1 | 8.4 |
| Alderman R. E. Highton | 12 | 9 | 12 | 9 | — | — | 24 | 18 | 75. |
| ,, J. Mc.Mullen ... | 12 | 5 | 12 | 5 | — | — | 24 | 10 | 42. |
| Councillor Casson ... | 12 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 2 | 16.8 |
| ,, Holden ... | 12 | 12 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 12 | 100. |
| ,, Towers ... | 12 | 3 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 3 | 25. |
| ,, Valentine ... | 12 | 4 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 4 | 33.4 |
| ,, Vaughan ... | 12 | 11 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 11 | 91.8 |
| ,, Wilson ... | 12 | 9 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 9 | 75. |
| Mr. J. Bowerbank ... | 12 | 7 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 7 | 58.4 |
| ,, D. Fraser ... ... | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | — | — | 24 | 24 | 100. |
| ,, E. J. Hepworth ... | 12 | 9 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 9 | 75. |
| ,, J. Hope ... ... | 12 | 10 | 12 | 10 | — | — | 24 | 20 | 83.4 |
| ,, W. Leitch ... ... | 12 | 3 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 3 | 25. |
| ,, E. W. Mawson ... | 12 | 9 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 9 | 75. |
| ,, J. Warwick ... ... | 12 | 3 | — | — | — | — | 12 | 3 | 25. |

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# LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

10 Dec. 1934 Mann

*Chairman—*

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR (Alderman P. WALLS, J.P.)

*Vice-Chairman—*

DONALD FRASER, ESQ.

*Members of Committee—*

Alderman R. E. HIGHTON, J.P.
,, J. MC. MULLEN.
Councillor L. CASSON.
,, J. HOLDEN.
,, B. TOWERS, J.P.
,, G. VAEENTINE.
,, G. VAUGHAN.
Councillor J. WILSON.
J. BOWERBANK, Esq.
E. J. HEPWORTH, Esq.
J. HOPE, Esq.
W. LEITCH, Esq.
E. W. MAWSON, Esq.
J. WARWICK, Esq.

# STAFF.

| | | Appointed. |
|---|---|---|
| Librarian & Secretary ... | Mr. J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES ... | October, 1895. |
| Senior Assistant ... | Miss FLORENCE PURVES ... | March, 1915. |
| Junior Assistant ... | Miss MABEL RELPH ... | July, 1915. |
| Janitor ... | Mr. GEORGE NICHOLSON ... | June, 1915. |

# *DATA.*

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|---|---|
| Public Libraries Act adopted ... ... ... ... | December, 1889. |
| Newsroom opened ... ... ... ... ... ... | July 31st, 1890. |
| Lending and Reference Library opened ... ... | November 2nd, 1891. |
| Half-Holiday Movement adopted ... ... ... .. | May 13th, 1892. |
| Mr. Andrew Carnegie's Gift of £7,500 for the building of a New Public Library announced ... | June 5th, 1902. |
| Town Council gave Site in Finkle Street for New Library .. ... ... ... ... ... | September 2nd, 1902. |
| Messrs. J. I. Wilson & Co., Builders, Tender for the erection of the New Library accepted ... | May 25th, 1903. |
| Memorial Stone laid by the Mayor ... ... | September 10th, 1903. |
| Library and Lecture Hall opened ... ... ... .. | October 6th, 1904. |
| Lecture Hall extended to seat 850 ... ... ... .. | Jan.—March, 1913. |

Population of the Borough (1911)—25,099.

Area of Borough, 3,077 Acres. Rateable Value, £100,802.

Library Rate Levied, 1d. in the Pound.

Amount Received from the 1d. Rate, £385.

FORMER OFFICIALS:—

Date of Appointment and Resignation.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Librarian ... | Mr. W. E. Jones ... | August, 1891—October, 1895. |
| Chief Assistants ... | Miss S. J. Wood ... | Oct., 1900—(d) June, 1907. |
| ,, ... | Miss E. J. Peat .. | Oct., 1900—Dec., 1910. |
| ,, ... | Miss E. Swinburn ... | Feb., 1907—(d) Feb., 1915. |
| ,, ... | Miss M. McKay ... | January, 1906—July, 1915. |

# REPORT

—OF THE—

# Public Library Committee

## November, 1915—October, 1916.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington.

Gentlemen,

The Library Committee present their twenty-fifth Annual Report for the year ending October 31st, 1916.

**Finance.**—The Balance Sheet appended to this Report is an extract from the Borough Treasurer's Abstract of Accounts, and shows that the Library Revenue Account commenced the year with an overdraft of £64 12s. 0d., which was reduced to £34 15s. 11d. A new boiler for the heating apparatus had to be obtained this year, and the cost, £46 10s. 0d., was paid out of revenue, otherwise the overdraft would have been written off.

**Lecture Hall.**—The Carnegie Hall continues to provide a substantial Income. The Revenue from rents, etc., after providing for Establishment Charges, Interest and Sinking Fund on the Loan of £1,500, was apportioned as follows:—£10 as a third instalment of £50 owing for Museum specimens, and £14 19s. 3d. to the Lecture Hall Extension Account. An increase in the cost for insurance, rates and taxes, and half-cost of the new boiler, prevented any transfer of profits to the credit of the Library Revenue Account.

**Reading Rooms.**—The attendance in the Reading and Magazine Rooms is well maintained, but the estimate is lower than for the previous year. The interest in the Daily Press and Periodicals does not appear to be so great, and this is probably due to the restricted lighting in the streets and to fewer people leaving their homes in the evening.

During the year, 15,646 volumes of bound Magazines and Periodicals were returned to the shelves in the Magazine Room by the Staff.

**Lending Library.**—In 1914 the issue of books was 65,266, last year the issue was 59,352; this year the issue was 56,318, a further decrease of 3,034 vols. This marked diminution is not peculiar to Workington, but is general throughout the country, and would seem to indicate that the war is absorbing much of the leisure that was formerly devoted to reading.

A special list of books dealing with the countries at war has been typed, and posted in the Borrowers' Hall, and the books displayed in the show cases. Many borrowers have made full use of those volumes, and their exhibition has increased their issue to a considerable extent.

The number of Readers enrolled is 6,271.

**Reference Library.**—No statistics are kept as to the frequenters or number of books used in this department, but the attendance was noticeably greater.

**Juvenile Library.**—The Schools in the Borough have, as usual, been supplied quarterly with a stock of books numbering from 150 to 500 volumes. The number of Readers enrolled is 1,345, and the books issued number 19,940.

The grants from the Education Committee were the same as last year, and amounted to £40, viz:—£15 for new books, £15 for replacements, and £10 towards an assistant's salary.

**Book Club.**—Subscribers to the Book Club or Subscription Department number 35, and the subscriptions received amounted to £16 11s. 6d.

The number of books purchased was 243.

**Annual Stocktaking.**—The Annual Stocktaking took place as usual from 1st to 15th May. The total number of books in the Library, excluding pamphlets and Patent Office publications, is now 17,135 vols., an increase over the previous year of 891 vols. The stock in each department is as follows:—Lending Library, 11,455 vols., increase 733 vols.; Juvenile Library, 2,956 vols., increase 91 vols.; Reference Library, 2,730 vols., increase 67 vols.

The whole of the stock was inspected during the stocktaking, and a considerable number of books were withdrawn from circulation for re-binding and through being worn out and in a dirty condition. In the Lending Department, 370 vols., and in the Juvenile Department 169 vols., need re-binding; 307 Lending and 364 Juvenile books need to be replaced. The estimate for re-binding and replacing is £92 for the Lending Library, and £45 for the Juvenile Library.

As the usual sources for obtaining replacements at a cheap rate are not available at present, and as extraordinary outlay will have to be incurred for repairs to the building, the replacement of these volumes must meanwhile stand over.

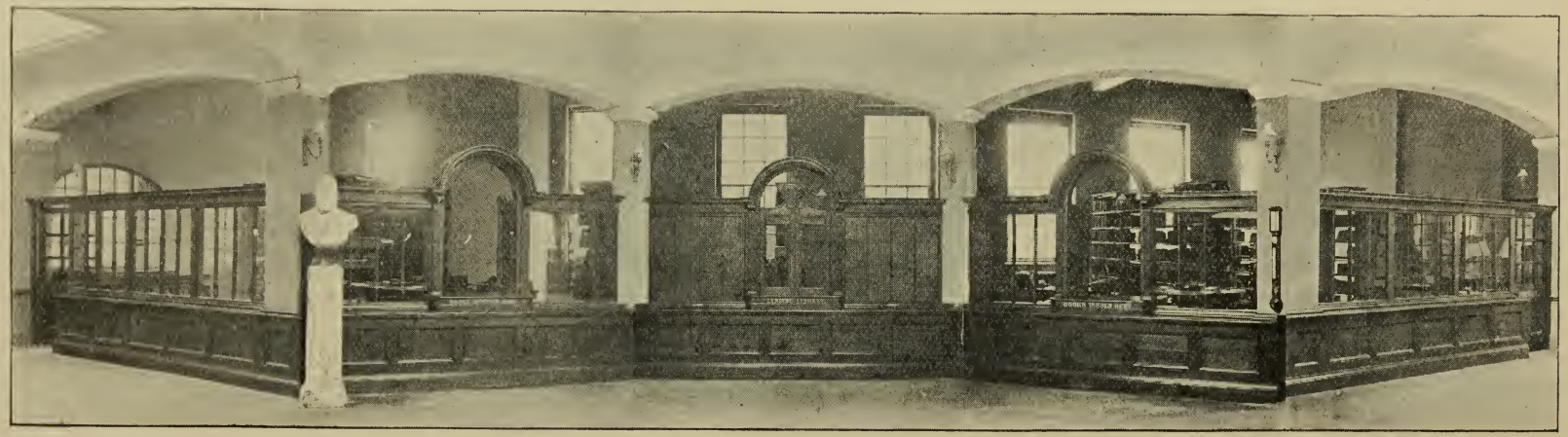
(Signed)

PATRICK WALLS,
Mayor and Chairman.

DONALD FRASER,
Vice-Chairman.

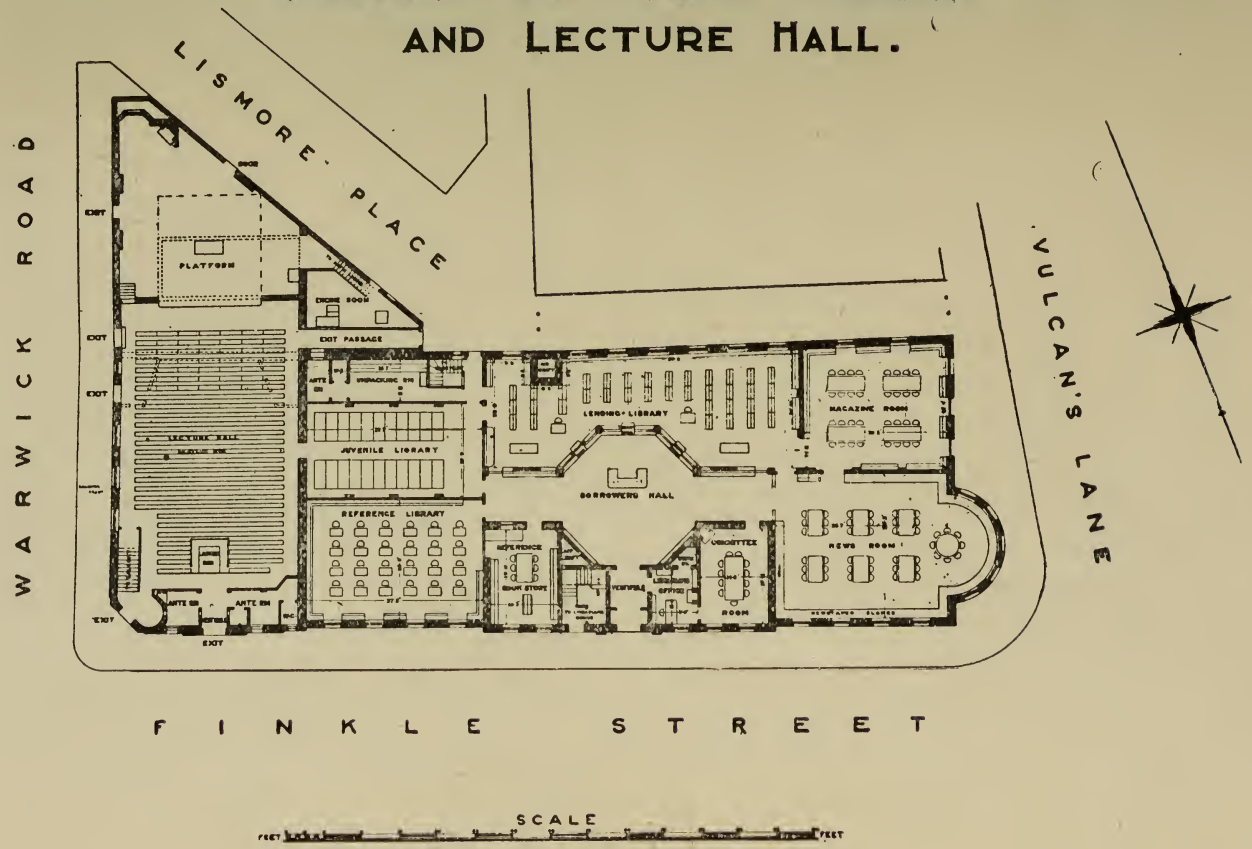
J. W. CUMMINGS PURVES,
Secretary and Librarian.

WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.



BORROWERS' HALL.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND LECTURE HALL.



# *List of Donations, 1915-16.*

Bailey, J. B., Esq., Maryport. Catalogue of Roman Inscribed and Sculptured Stones, Coins, Earthenware, etc.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries (Special Leaflets) per the Secretary.

British Museum. Natural History, per the Director. 5 Vols.

———"Catalogue of Ungulate Mammals. Vol. IV."

——"Revision of the Ichneumonidæ. Part IV."

———"Catalogue of Moths. Supp. Vol. I. and Vol. Plates."

———"Guide to the Fossils Remains of Man."

Canada. Dept. of Agriculture, per J. H. Grisdale, Director. Bulletins 79-84 (1914) Dominion Experimental Farmer.

———Dept. of Trade and Commerce, per Deputy Minister. Canada Year Book, 1914. 1 Vol.

Canadian Government. Blue Books and Parliamentary Papers. Bureau of Mines, Ontario, 24th Report, Pts 1, 2 and 3. 1915. Vol. I.

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust (Dunfermline). Second Annual Report.

Coleridge, Hon. Stephen. Vivisection, a heartless Science. (1916).

Cumberland Education Committee, per C. Courtenay Hodgson, Secretary, Carlisle. Vol. XVII., 1915, Minutes of Committee and Sub-Committees.

Cumberland County Council. Index, Jan., 1916, per C. Courtenay Hodgson, Esq. Minutes of Meetings, &c.

Cumberland Education Committee. Executive Officers' Third Annual Report (1915).

Gordon, Wm., Aberdeenshire. One Hundred Best Poems on the European War, edited by Charles F. Forshaw. Vol. I., 1915.

Grafton Portrait of Shakespeare, per Executors of the late Mr. Thomas Kay.

London College of Music, per the Secretary. Annual Report and Syllabus of Local Centre Examinations. 1916.

Middleton, J. S., Joint Sec. Labour Party, 1, Victoria Street, London, S.W., London Year Book, 1916.

Nicholas Averon's Charity and What Became of It, per E. Williamson, Author.

Our Animal Brothers, presented by Hon. Secretary Animal Brothers Guild.

LIST OF DONATIONS, 1915-16—continued.

Prothero, G. W. (the Author), German Opinion and German Policy before the War (86 pp.)

Taplin, A. Betts. "Hypnotism," per the Publishers and Printers, Littlebury Brothers.

University Correspondence College. Prospectus of Classes for London University Examinations, per the Principal.

Workington, Borough of, per Town Clerk. 3 Vols.

———Minutes of Council and Sub-Committees, Nov.-Oct., 1915-16.

———Abstract of Accounts, per J. Noble, Borough Treasurer, 1915-16.

———Education Committee. Annual Report of the School Medical Officer.

——— ,, ,, Minutes of Committee and Sub Committee.

LIBRARY REPORTS:—

Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barry, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bury, Chelsea, Cork, Croyden, Dewsbury, Dundee, Ealing, Eastbourne, Gateshead, Hackney, Hornsey, Hove, Hull, Keighly, Kendal, Kettering, Leeds, Lincoln, Loughborough, Middlesborough, Manchester, Nottingham, Newcastle, Norwich, Richmond, Salford, Waterloo, Whitehaven, Wigan, Winchester, Worcester, York.

AMERICAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES:—

John Crerar Library, Chicago; New York; Providence; Hudson.

## *Newspapers and Periodicals.*

### DAILIES.

Daily Dispatch, Daily Mail, Daily News, Telegraph, Freeman's Journal, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury, Manchester Guardian, North Mail, Sheffield Telegraph, Shipping Gazette, Times, Yorkshire Post, L'Independence Belgé.

### BI-WEEKLIES.

Carlisle Journal, Cumberland News, West Cumberland Times.

### WEEKLIES.

Amateur Photographer, Arms and Explosives, Athletic News, Bazaar, Exchange and Mart, Board of Trade Journal, British Architect, Canada, Carpenter and

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—continued.

Builder, Contractors' Record, Civil Service Weekly, Co-operative News, Electrical Engineer, Engineering, The Garden, Gentlewoman, Graphic, Illustrated London News, Iron and Coal Trades Review, Labour Leader, Labour News, Ladies' Pictorial, Local Government Officer, Journal & Chronicle, Machinery Market, Nature, Notes and Queries, Patent Office Journal, Punch, Queen, Saturday Review, Science Siftings, Scientific American, Stage, Truth, Whitehaven News, Work, Workington News, Workington Star.

## FORTNIGHTLIES.

University Correspondent.

## MONTHLIES.

Agricultural Economist, Athenæum, Blackwood's Magazine, Bookman, Book Monthly, Boys' Own Paper, Canadian Municipal Journal, Chambers' Journal, Church Gazette, Contemporary Review, Engineering Magazine, Engineering Review, Fortnightly Review, Free Sunday Advocate, Girls' Own Paper, Harper's Magazine, Labour Gazette, Magazine of Commerce, Millgate Magazine, National Review, New-Church Magazine, Nineteenth Century, Nonconformist Musical Journal, Pall Mall Magazine, Patents, Registrar General's Return—Deaths of Seamen, Review of Reviews, Strand Magazine, University Correspondent, Vulcan, Woodworker, Zoophilist.

## QUARTERLIES.

Book Auction Records. Herald of Health. Hibbert's Journal.

## RAILWAY AND TOURIST GUIDES.

Cambrian Rly., Caledonian Rly., Cleator and Workington Junction Rly., Furness Rly., Glasgow & South Western Rly., Great Northern Rly. of Ireland, Great Western Rly., Great North of Scotland Rly., Great Eastern Rly., Great Central Rly., Great Southern and Western Rly., Highland Rly., Isle of Man Tourist Guide, Lancashire and Yorkshire Rly., London and North Western Rly., London, Brighton and South Coast Rly., London and South Western Rly., Midland Rly., North British Rly., North Eastern Rly., South Eastern & Chatham Rly.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## *Classified List of Issues, November 1st, 1915—October 31st, 1916, inclusive.*

| Class. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Class Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miscellaneous ... ... ... | 88 | 70 | 93 | 70 | 64 | 87 | 32 | 60 | 81 | 56 | 74 | 76 | 851 |
| Philosophy ... ... ... | 17 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 40 | 26 | 172 |
| Religion ... ... ... | 24 | 18 | 15 | 14 | 19 | 15 | 10 | 25 | 13 | 24 | 28 | 23 | 228 |
| Sociology ... ... ... | 24 | 24 | 14 | 23 | 20 | 13 | 8 | 8 | 18 | 12 | 26 | 21 | 211 |
| Philology ... ... ... | 16 | 11 | 27 | 14 | 15 | 10 | 9 | 14 | 22 | 13 | 31 | 23 | 205 |
| Natural Science ... ... ... | 34 | 35 | 28 | 18 | 18 | 25 | 8 | 18 | 23 | 19 | 32 | 25 | 283 |
| Useful Arts ... ... ... | 24 | 32 | 19 | 15 | 29 | 20 | 4 | 16 | 18 | 27 | 24 | 23 | 251 |
| Fine Arts ... ... ... | 41 | 27 | 43 | 41 | 44 | 50 | 27 | 48 | 65 | 45 | 63 | 35 | 529 |
| *Belles Lettres*, Poetry and Drama ... | 65 | 56 | 77 | 60 | 53 | 60 | 20 | 30 | 46 | 33 | 49 | 33 | 582 |
| History, Travel and Biography ... | 120 | 114 | 136 | 100 | 106 | 121 | 46 | 91 | 116 | 114 | 122 | 96 | 1281 |
| Fiction ... ... ... | 2758 | 2673 | 3816 | 3145 | 3189 | 2895 | 978 | 2272 | 2794 | 1981 | 2684 | 2600 | 31785 |
| Juvenile ... ... ... | 2478 | 1857 | 732 | 2178 | 2563 | 2242 | 1846 | 2253 | 1679 | 342 | 453 | 1317 | 19940 |
| Monthly Totals ... ... | 5689 | 4919 | 5011 | 5697 | 6128 | 5549 | 2992 | 4844 | 4886 | 2679 | 3626 | 4298 | 56318 |

Total Issues of previous years:

1894-95 :—28,087 vols.
1895-96 :—40,679 vols.
1896-97 :—40,618 vols.
1897-98 :—47,588 vols.
1898-99 :—38,839 vols.
1899-00 :—42,538 vols.
1900-01 :—47,277 vols.
1901-02 :—50,895 vols.
1902-03 :—52,836 vols.
1903-04 :—53,266 vols.
*1904-05 :—52,186 vols.
1905-06 :—64,205 vols.
1906-07 :—65,916 vols.
†1907-08 :—62,406 vols.
1908-09 :—82,409 vols.
‡1909-10 :—87,487 vols.
1910-11 :—72,144 vols.
1911-12 :—75,923 vols.
1912-13 :—73,539 vols.
1913-14 :—65,266 vols.
1914-15 :—59,352 vols.

* No Juvenile Books or Tickets issued or used in 1904-05.

† Closed Two Months (March and April, 1908).

‡ Juvenile Department closed July—September, 1910.

# SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

## RETURN OF ISSUES.

| Name of School. | No. of Tickets issued. | Total Issue, 1915-16. |
|---|---|---|
| Higher Standard (Boys) ... ... | 312 | 3956 |
| Higher Standard (Girls) ... ... | 156 | 1830 |
| St. John's (Boys) ... ... ... | 140 | 1620 |
| St. John's (Girls) ... ... ... | 126 | 1138 |
| St. Michael's (Boys) ... ... ... | 80 | 1075 |
| St. Michael's (Girls) ... ... ... | 82 | 860 |
| Lawrence Street (Mixed) ... ... | 56 | 549 |
| Victoria (Boys) ... ... ... | 190 | 883 |
| Victoria (Girls) ... ... ... | 72 | 570 |
| Westfield (Mixed) ... ... ... | nil. | nil. |
| Siddick (Mixed) ... ... ... | 70 | 413 |
| North Side (Mixed) ... ... ... | 61 | 260 |
| St. Patrick's (R.C.) ... ... ... | nil. | nil. |
| St. Michael's Road (R.C.) ... ... | nil. | nil. |

No. of Readers, 1,345. Vols. issued ... ... 13,154

Books issued from the Library 6,786

Total ... 19,940

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Workington, in the County of Cumberland, the sum of £ : : , free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Library of the above Borough, to be expended in such manner as they may deem expedient for the enlargement and better equipment of the Institution.

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Donations of Books, Pictures, Statuary, or Art Collections of any kind forwarded to the Borough Librarian, will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.

# WORKINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND BOOK CLUB REVENUE ACCOUNTS for the Year ending March 31st, 1916.

| EXPENDITURE. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 31st, 1915. | | | |
| To Balance Overdrawn .. .. .. .. | 64 | | 10 |
| March 31st, 1916. | | | |
| ,, Salaries—Librarian, Assistants and Caretaker .. .. | 147 | 17 | 8 |
| ,, Newspapers and Periodicals .. .. .. .. | 52 | 9 | 1 |
| ,, New Books and Replacements .. .. .. | 55 | 13 | 10 |
| ,, Binding .. .. .. .. .. | 44 | 14 | 0 |
| ,, Stationery, Printing, Advertising, &c. .. .. | 11 | 14 | 4 |
| ,, Repairs and Sundries .. .. .. .. | 47 | 9 | 7 |
| ,, Fittings and Repairs per Gas Works .. .. .. | 7 | 1 | 11 |
| ,, Library Fittings .. .. .. .. | 6 | 10 | 5 |
| ,, Petty Disbursements per Librarian .. .. .. | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| ,, Fuel per Gas Works .. .. .. .. | 16 | 8 | 7 |
| ,, Painting .. .. .. .. .. .. | 11 | 3 | 4 |
| ,, Insurance .. .. .. .. .. | 9 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Half-cost of Boiler .. .. .. .. .. | 23 | 5 | 0 |
| | £504 | 18 | 4 |

| INCOME. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 31st, 1916. | | | |
| By Borough Rate—as per Assessment after making deductions for voids and irrecoverables .. .. .. | 390 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Contribution from Stainburn Parish Council .. .. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Contribution from Education Committee for Books .. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Contribution from Education Committee towards Salary of extra Assistant .. .. .. .. .. | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Miscellaneous Receipts—Advertisements, Fines, Catalogues, Sales, &c. .. .. .. .. .. | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| ,, Corporation—Use of Council Chamber .. .. .. | 16 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Fire Damages .. .. .. .. .. | 7 | 10 | 6 |
| ,, Balance .. .. .. .. .. .. | 34 | 15 | 11 |
| | £504 | 18 | 4 |

# WORKINGTON BOOK CLUB.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 31st, 1915. | | | |
| To Books Purchased .. .. .. .. .. | 11 | 19 | 11 |
| Balance in hand .. .. .. .. | 1 | 19 | 0 |
| | £13 | 18 | 11 |

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Balance .. .. .. .. .. .. | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| March 31st, 1916. | | | |
| ,, Subscriptions .. .. .. .. .. | 13 | 17 | 6 |
| | £13 | 18 | 11 |

## *Summary of the Lecture Hall Revenue and Extension Accounts, for Year ending March 31st, 1916.*

| EXPENDITURE. | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| March 31st, 1916. | | |
| To Gas Account .. .. .. .. .. | | 10 12 9 |
| ,, Rates and Taxes—General and Poor Rates .. | £49 8 11 | |
| Income Tax .. .. | 10 6 2 | |
| | | 59 15 1 |
| ,, Insurance .. .. .. .. .. | | 18 18 0 |
| ,, Salaries and Wages .. .. .. .. | | 108 19 0 |
| ,, Fuel .. .. .. .. .. .. | | 16 8 8 |
| ,, Interest on Loans .. .. .. .. .. | | 60 0 0 |
| ,, Sinking Fund .. .. .. .. .. | | 32 16 6 |
| ,, Museum Specimens, 3rd Instalment .. .. .. | | 10 0 0 |
| ,, Fittings, Repairs, and Sundries .. .. .. | | 22 6 6 |
| ,, Half-cost of Boiler .. .. .. .. .. | | 23 5 0 |
| ,, Lecture Hall—Capital Account .. .. .. | | 14 19 3 |
| | | £378 0 9 |

| INCOME. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|
| March 31st. 1916. | |
| By Rents for Letting .. .. .. .. .. | 378 0 9 |
| | £378 0 9 |

| LECTURE HALL EXTENSION CAPITAL ACCOUNT:— | £ s. d. |
|---|---|
| March 31st, 1915. | |
| To Bankers—Balance Overdrawn .. .. .. | 367 7 10 |
| | £367 7 10 |

| | £ s. d. |
|---|---|
| March 31st, 1916. | |
| By Lecture Hall—Profit transferred .. .. .. | 14 19 3 |
| ,, Bankers—Balance due .. .. .. .. | 352 8 7 |
| | £367 7 10 |

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